CRADLES OF CIVILIZATION INFORMATION SHEET

#1 Who Am I? ________________________________

I flow north towards the Mediterranean Sea in the Northeast Corner of the African continent. A desert surrounds me but I contain a rich fertile valley. I annually flood leaving behind a rich supply of silt and minerals perfect for farming. Because my farmers built canals and dikes, they created a crop surplus for trading and for times of famine.

#2 Who Are We? ________________________________

There is a strip of well-watered land between my two rivers. They begin along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea and arch northward then curve southeastwardly towards the Persian Gulf. The Zagras Mountains are east of me and the Syrian Desert is to the west. I have unpredictable floods that leave behind rich silt deposits. Because of my long, hot summers and little rainfall, irrigation is necessary. My people planned their cities, herded animals and traded with their surplus crops.

#3 Who Am I? ________________________________

I flow southward and empty into the Arabian Sea. The Hindu Kush and the Himalayan Mountains border me. Many smaller rivers called tributaries feed into me. I have rich fertile plains from my annual flooding. Two ancient cities, Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, thrived on my banks.

#4 Who Am I? ________________________________

My source, where I begin, is in the Plateau of Tibet. The Gobi Desert is to the north of me. My convoluted system winds across north China and has many tributaries. My main river carries soft, yellow dirt that empties into the Yellow Sea. I have unpredictable floods that deposit huge amounts of this yellow earth, causing my water level to rise rapidly thus changing my course often.
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Answer Key

#1 Who Am I? Nile River

I flow north towards the Mediterranean Sea in the Northeast Corner of the African continent. A desert surrounds me but I contain a rich fertile valley. I annually flood leaving behind a rich supply of silt and minerals perfect for farming. Because my farmers built canals and dikes, they created a crop surplus for trading and for times of famine.

#2 Who Are We? Tigris and Euphrates Rivers

There is a strip of well-watered land between my two rivers. They begin along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea and arch northward then curve southeastwardly towards the Persian Gulf. The Zagras Mountains are east of me and the Syrian Desert is to the west. I have unpredictable floods that leave behind rich silt deposits. Because of my long, hot summers and little rainfall, irrigation is necessary. My people planned their cities, herded animals and traded with their surplus crops.

#3 Who Am I? Indus River

I flow southward and empty into the Arabian Sea. The Hindu Kush and the Himalayan Mountains border me. Many smaller rivers called tributaries feed into me. I have rich fertile plains from my annual flooding. Two ancient cities, Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa, thrived on my banks.

#4 Who Am I? Huang He (Ho) River

My source, where I begin, is in the Plateau of Tibet. The Gobi Desert is to the north of me. My convoluted system winds across north China and has many tributaries. My main river carries soft, yellow dirt that empties into the Yellow Sea. I have unpredictable floods that deposit huge amounts of this yellow earth, causing my water level to rise rapidly thus changing my course often.
Writing Prompt for Great Rivers of Great Civilizations

You are an ancient historian who has traveled along the Nile River and then on to the Tigris and Euphrates River Valley. You continued on to the Indus River Valley and finally reached the Huang He River as your last destination,

Write a report to your King comparing the lifestyles, farming techniques, hardships, and prosperities of the various civilizations you encountered on your travels. State your recommendation for the most suitable river valley in which to live and explain the reasons for your choice.