

DECLINE OF CIVILIZATIONS

WHAT ARE THE EXTERNAL FACTORS?

- NATURAL DISASTERS
- INVASIONS

WHAT ARE THE INTERNAL FACTORS?

- AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS
- POPULATION CHANGES
- SOCIETY, GOVERNMENT, + RELIGION
- ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

WHAT CAUSED ANCIENT CITY OF COPAN'S
DECLINE?

INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL?

“OVER TIME, PEOPLE SPREAD OUT FROM THE CENTRAL CORE AND BUILT HOMES IN OUTLYING AREAS THAT HAD FORMERLY BEEN USED FOR CROPS. COPÁN'S NOBLES BUILT SMALLER, RIVAL COMPLEXES ON SITES THAT WERE INCREASINGLY FURTHER FROM THE CORE.”

HOW WOULD MESOPOTAMIA'S
DECLINE BE DIFFERENT IF
IRRIGATION SYSTEMS DID NOT
EXIST?

“THE SAME PROCESS THAT ALLOWED FARMING IN THIS REGION ALSO EVENTUALLY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FARM. IRRIGATION HAS A CATCH-22: IF IRRIGATION WATER IS ALLOWED TO SIT ON THE FIELDS AND EVAPORATE, IT LEAVES BEHIND MINERAL SALTS; IF ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO DRAIN OFF IRRIGATION WATER AND IT FLOWS THROUGH THE SOIL TOO QUICKLY, EROSION BECOMES A PROBLEM.”

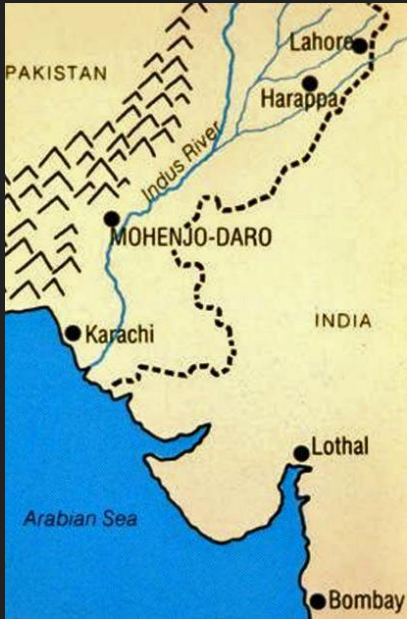
WHAT SIMILARITIES DOES THE DECLINE OF
THE MAYA AND MESOPOTAMIA HAVE?

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE
DECLINE OF MALI AND SONGHAI?

AS MALI'S POWER WANED, SONGHAI ASSERTED ITS INDEPENDENCE AND ROSE TO POWER IN THE AREA. SONGHAI HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT TRADE CENTER WITHIN MALI'S EMPIRE, JUST AS MALI HAD ONCE BEEN RULED BY GHANA. GREAT SONGHAI KINGS SUCH AS SUNNI ALI BER AND ASKIA MOHAMMED TOURE EXTENDED THE SONGHAI KINGDOM FARTHER THAN GHANA OR MALI HAD BEFORE IT AND BROUGHT AN ORGANIZED SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT TO THE AREA. IT WAS THE LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL KINGDOM IN MEDIEVAL WEST AFRICA.

LOOKING AT THE CITY OF TIMBUKTU, NOW PART OF THE MODERN AFRICAN STATE OF MALI, BRINGS THIS PATTERN OF TURMOIL AND CONQUEST TO LIGHT. IN MEDIEVAL TIMES, TIMBUKTU WAS A CENTRAL SPOT ON THE TRADE ROUTES. DURING THE HEIGHT OF ANCIENT MALI, TIMBUKTU WAS ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT CITIES. WHEN MALI DECLINED, TIMBUKTU WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE SONGHAI.

WHAT POSSIBLE (THEORY) EXTERNAL FACTOR LED TO THE DECLINE OF HARRAPA?



“THE THEORY SUGGESTED THAT BY USING HORSES AND
MORE ADVANCED WEAPONRY AGAINST THE HARAPPAN
PEOPLE, THE ARYANS MAY HAVE EASILY DEFEATED
THEM.”

“OTHER EXPERTS SAY THAT THE SARASWATI RIVER DRYING UP, WHICH BEGAN AROUND 1900 BCE, WAS THE MAIN CAUSE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, WHILE OTHERS CONCLUDE THAT A GREAT FLOOD STRUCK THE AREA.”

“.....COULD HAVE HAD DISASTROUS AFFECTS ON THE HARRAPAN SOCIETY; CROP FAILURE, STARVATION, AND DISEASE ARE ALL POSSIBILITIES.”

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“THE QIN DYNASTY PLUNGED INTO CIVIL
WAR AND CHAOS AFTER THE EMPEROR’S
SONS AND ADVISORS TRIED TO RUN THE
EMPIRE THROUGH HIM.”

THIS IS YOUR TAKE HOME TEST!!!!

DO YOUR BEST TO FINISH IT IN
CLASS PLEASEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

FOCUS OR REFOCUS!!!!!!!!!!!!