## Geographic Luck Proof ASSESSMENT Name:

Your task is to compare the geographic luck of three civilizations to see if Jared Diamond’s theory is true for those three regions. You will then write a thesis and method and use evidence to support that thesis.

**Geographic Luck Theory**: In order to advance as a civilization, a society must have:

* Useful Animals
* Useful Plants
* Good Location

### Civilizations

**Select 3 civilizations. Compare how advanced those civilizations were in 1500 AD**. **You should grab this information from other students from their civilization study assignment.**

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| Name | Civ 1: | Civ 2: | Civ 3: |
| How advanced was this civilization? |  |  |  |

### Plants and Animals

Use your **useful organisms** worksheet to find the useful plants and animals available to these civilizations.

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| Name | Civ 1: | Civ 2: | Civ 3: |
| Useful Plants |  |  |  |
| Meat Animals |  |  |  |
| Food Animals |  |  |  |
| Clothing  Animals |  |  |  |
| Work Animals |  |  |  |
| Transport  Animals |  |  |  |
| Security/War  Animals |  |  |  |

### Location

**Compare the civilizations using your diffusion map**. How good of a location were these civilizations in?

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| Name | Civ 1: | Civ 2: | Civ 3: |
| Inventions spread here |  |  |  |
| Inventions they never received |  |  |  |

### Writing

**Prompt: is the theory of Geographic Luck true?**

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| **Thesis & Method** | |
| Method | Choose one:   * *If Geographic Luck were true, places with poor luck should not have developed advanced societies before the global trade system began in 1500AD* * *If Geographic Luck were true, places with better luck should have developed more by 1500AD when the global trade system began.* |
| Claim |  |
| Reason | Because… |

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| **Supporting Evidence (at least 4 sentences)** |
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You solved my myster!