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## Video Notes:

Please watch the video and complete the questions.



Natural Barriers: isolated China from outsiders.

1.) The \_\_\_\_\_ forms part of China's natural border to the West.

- What is a plateau?
- Why is a plateau a natural barrier?

2.) The \_\_\_\_\_ are some of the largest mountains in the world.

- Tallest mountain is:
- Height:
- Mountains are natural barriers because:

3.) The \_\_\_\_\_ is a vast area stretching from Mongolia into China..

- A desert receives less than \_\_\_\_\_ inches of rain a year.
- Difficult to cross with a large \_\_\_\_\_.
- Deserts are natural barriers because:

4.) What formed the natural barrier to the East? \_\_\_\_\_

- Oceans are natural barriers because:

Using the video, label the approximate locations of:

Himalaya Mountains   Mt Everest   Gobi Desert   Tibetan Plateau   Pacific Ocean



## Importance of Location

Natural barriers and long distances separated China from other civilizations. This geography allowed China to develop relatively undisturbed. Give examples of how this could HELP China and how it could HURT China.

Help

Hurt

## China as a River Civilization

China, like many other ancient civilizations, developed along major rivers.

China's Two Rivers:

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The Huang He River, though vital for survival, has an ominous nickname. It was sometimes called the:

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Fertile yellow soil that blows off the plains into the rivers and is deposited on land during the floods is called: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Huang He River

Why might it have received this nickname?

Why would people continue to live near this river?