

CIVGAME

Selection and Justification of Capital City

CIVTeam Members: _____

1. Layer your data maps on top of one another to create a **Geographic Information System**.
2. Examine the overlap of food and animal data. On the unused blank map (*not* the tracing paper), mark **X**'s in 4 locations that have high asset value relative to food production. *These should be spots where you are willing to place your civilization.*
3. Identify the regions where your X's are located: _____

4. Determine your civilization's **operating budget** from the Capital Points board: _____ CPs
5. Use the **Overland Travel Cost** sheet (in your folder on the wall) to calculate the costs of each of your possible civilization sites. **NOTE: Your starting point is in Africa!** Scroll across from Africa to determine the number of CP's needed to travel from Africa to each of the major geographic regions.
6. Select a site that works within your budget. Mark it on your map with a marker or highlighter.
7. See Mr. Prather for further instructions about completing the box below.

SETTLEMENT LOGISTICS

Absolute location _____° N / S , _____° E / W

Relative location Ex: Northwest of the Zagros Mountains

*Give your location
relative to distinct
geographic features.*

1.
2.
3.
4.

Travel cost _____ Capital Points

Remaining budget _____ Capital Points

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8. See Mr. Prather about producing the “Settlement Justification” essay described in the box below.

SETTLEMENT JUSTIFICATION

QUESTION: How does the site you have selected for your capital city offer your civilization strategic advantages for long-term success?

Write your justification on a separate sheet of paper. Follow the format below. [Rubric on next page]

Assert your claim by restating the question: By settling at _____° N / S , _____° E / W in the region of _____, our civilization can begin to build a highly developed economy, which would help us to achieve long-term success, stability and security.

Cite evidence to support your claim: The region has particular geographic assets that will benefit our state: The availability of (*list the assets of the region*).

Explain how the evidence supports the claim: [Explain why the assets you have listed are productive and/or strategic. Don’t just say, “We will be able to eat.” Explain how the assets you have listed will create conditions that help you develop an advanced economy. **HINT:** You should incorporate (and explain) the concepts of surplus, specialization, infrastructure, and industry into your explanation.]

Summarize your central claim: In conclusion, (*provide a closing statement that restates your claim and briefly summarizes the key evidence you have provided as justification*).

**EVERY MEMBER OF THE TEAM
MUST WRITE THIS ESSAY.**

**ONE ESSAY WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED
AND EVALUATED ON THE TEAM’S BEHALF.**

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RUBRIC Use this rubric to guide your thinking as you write your settlement justification.

SETTLEMENT LOGISTICS: 25 points available	
25 Capital points	The team's absolute location printed on the "Settlement Justification" page aligns with the location presented on the physical map. Additionally, all four relative location statements are accurate.
20 Capital points	The team's absolute location printed on the "Settlement Justification" page aligns with the location presented on the physical map. However, there are inaccuracies in 1-2 of the relative location statements.
15 Capital points	There is a discrepancy between the absolute location printed on the "Settlement Justification" page and the pinpoint location presented on the physical map. However, all four of the relative location statements are accurate (aligned with the physical map location).
10 Capital points	There is a discrepancy between the absolute location data provided on the map and the Justification page. Additionally, there are errors in 1-2 relative location statements.
0 Capital points	The absolute location data sets (map and Justification sheet) do not align, and there are inaccuracies in at least 3 of the relative location statements.

SITE JUSTIFICATION: 75 points available	
75 Capital points	The written justification follows the <i>ACES</i> format provided in the instructions. The claim is clearly stated. The evidence listed is valid (accurate), relevant (focuses on food/animal sources, and possibly on other economic assets), and sufficient (there is <i>enough</i> evidence to truly support the claim). The evidence is then explained, such that the reader understands the connection between the evidence and the claim. Finally, a summary closes the justification with a restatement of the claim and a brief overview of the key evidence.
50 Capital points	The <i>ACES</i> format is followed. There is a clearly stated claim and an explanation of the evidence... BUT there is not a sufficient amount of evidence to justify the claim. In other words, the team is claiming that the site location will provide assets that will help the clan achieve long-term success, but very few assets are listed.
25 Capital points	The team attempts to justify the settlement location. A claim is asserted, and evidence is provided. But the explanation of the evidence is inadequate. The team has not successfully explained <i>HOW</i> the assets it has listed will help the clan achieve long-term success.
0 Capital points	The team's justification of the settlement location fails to suggest understanding. The claim and evidence are difficult to identify. It appears the group may have just selected a site location without really knowing why that location is strategically valuable.