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Challenges Faced by the Ancient Israelites

Critical-thinking Question A – Coping with Enemies: How do you think the Israelites responded to this challenge to their survival?

- A) They did nothing, and eventually the Philistines and other hostile groups became tire of warfare and left the Israelites alone.
- ☒ B) They chose one person to lead the 12 tribes in battle against their enemies.
- ☒ C) They allied themselves with the Philistines so that the Philistines would stop their attacks.
- D) They moved to the northernmost part of Canaan where it was more difficult for groups to attack them.

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Critical-thinking Question B – Protecting Sacred Objects: How do you think the Israelites responded to this challenge to their survival?

- A) They made copies of the Ark of the Covenant and placed them in various cities throughout Israel.
- B) They took the original Ark to a secret location and placed a copy in the tent in Jerusalem.
- C) They built a permanent, sturdy temple to house the Ark.
- D) They built a strong wall around the Tabernacle.

Many Israelites did not return to Israel (diaspora)
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Critical-thinking Question C – Transmitting Religious Beliefs: How do you think the Israelites responded to this challenge to their survival?

- A) They returned to Canaan to escape the influence of Babylonian religious practices.
- ☒ B) Scribes created a record of consistent religious beliefs to be read by all Israelites.
- C) They began to worship Babylonian gods along with Yahweh.
- D) They destroyed statues of the Babylonian gods to show that the Babylonian gods lacked power.

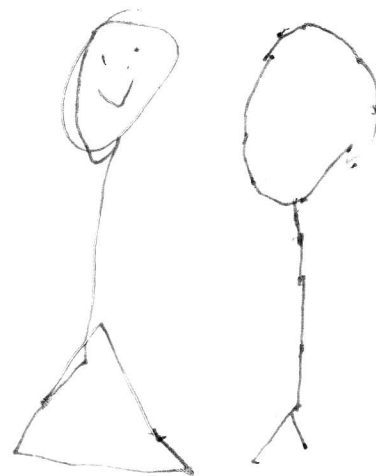
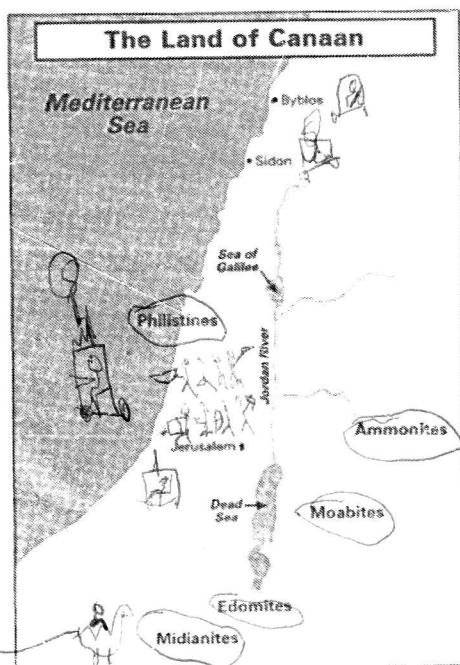
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Challenge A: Coping with Enemies

On the map, circle the names of Israel's enemies after Joshua's death. If an enemy had a special military advantage, draw a picture to illustrate this military advantage.



Challenge B: Protecting Sacred Objects

The drawing to the left shows the Tabernacle that housed the Ark of the Covenant. Write a sentence that describes the curtain encircling the Tabernacle and draw a line connecting the sentence to the curtain. Label the objects in the courtyard. Write a sentence that explains the purpose of these objects. Label the parts of Tabernacle. Write a sentence that describes the purpose of the Tabernacle.

Challenge C: Transmitting Religious Beliefs

This drawing shows a religious procession of Babylonians. They are honoring one of their gods. Draw a figure representing an Israelite who is participating in the procession. Draw a thought bubble above the figure's head, and inside it, write his/her reason for joining the procession. Draw a second figure representing an Israelite not participating in the procession. Draw a thought bubble above the figure's head and write his/her reasons for not joining the procession.

