**WRITING ASSIGNMENT 1***Is Geography destiny?*  
  
Write a 2-3 page essay analyzing how geography shaped ONE of the four Mediterranean civilizations we’ve discussed in class (Egypt, Mesopotamia, Ancient, or Ancient China). Your essay should:

* Explain how specific geographic features influenced that civilization's political system, economy, and culture. Provide at least 2 specific examples with evidence
* What innovations (political, religious, economic, technological, or military) did this civilization develop to address problems caused by geography. Provide at least 1 specific example with evidence.
* Conclude by explaining how these choices shaped the historical trajectory and social identity of this civilization. Compare to at least one other civilization we’ve discussed.

You may use the class presentations, videos, or class reading materials to help you. You may also need to do some additional research. Be sure to cite any such research.