**WRITING ASSIGNMENT 1***Is Geography destiny?*  
  
Write a 2-3 page essay analyzing how geography shaped ONE of the four river valley civilizations (Egypt, Mesopotamia, Indus Valley, 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, 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.