AP World History – Unit 1: Foundations, 8000 B.C.E. to 600 B.C.E.

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2. Why were the vast majority of ancient civilizations centered around river valleys?
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4. When did this civilization flourish and how do we know about the people?
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