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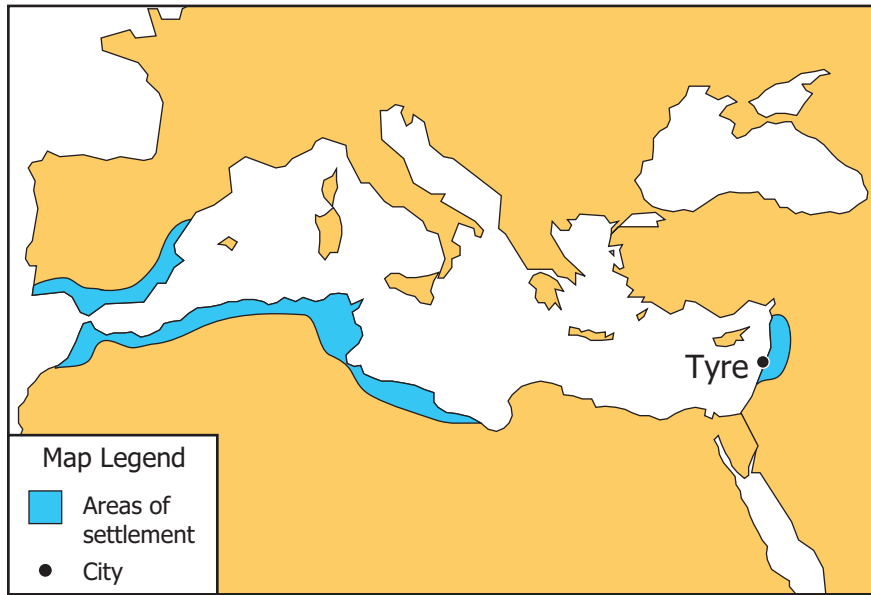
**SAMPLE ITEMS
FOR
WORLD HISTORY I**

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Mediterranean Basin, 750–550 B.C.



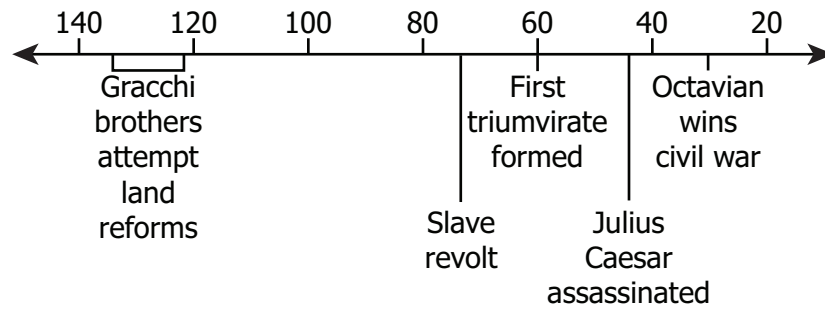
Which ancient civilization created the settlements shown on this map?

- A** Phoenician
- B** Egyptian
- C** Hebrew
- D** Greek

2 What characteristic did the Persian Empire share with the Roman and Incan Empires?

- A** Uniform system of money
- B** Written system of law
- C** Monotheistic religious system
- D** Widespread road system

Roman Events
140 to 20 B.C. (B.C.E.)



The main effect of the events on this timeline was the —

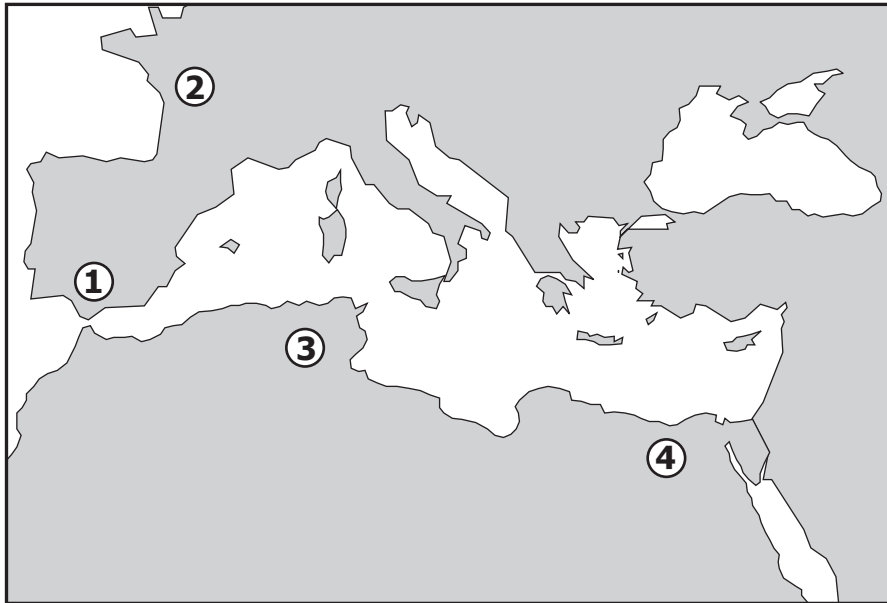
- A** invasion of Gaul
- B** conquest of Carthage
- C** formation of an empire
- D** establishment of an assembly

4 Shinto had which lasting effect on Japanese culture?

- A** Emphasis on the beauty of the natural world in art
- B** Division of people into rigid social classes
- C** Adoption of examination system to select officials
- D** Focus on military devotion as the highest form of virtue

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Mediterranean Region



Which number marks the location of the Islamic defeat at the Battle of Tours?

- A** 1
- B** 2
- C** 3
- D** 4

6 Which statement best supports the conclusion that the Indus Valley civilization had a centralized government?

- A** The cities had an organized pattern of streets.
- B** The farms produced annual crop surpluses.
- C** Goods were imported from coastal cities.
- D** Houses were constructed with baked bricks.

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- Creative writer and poet
- Supporter of Renaissance humanism
- Scholar of Greek and Roman literature

Which individual is described by these characteristics?

- A** Donatello
- B** Petrarch
- C** Gutenberg
- D** Raphael

World History to 1500

Answer Key

Item Sequence	Correct Answer
1	A
2	D
3	C
4	A
5	B
6	A
7	B