

Geography and Settlement Choices



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Use the material to work through each task. Show the requested response.

Two invented settlement sites

Invented practice data or scenario; not a report of a real study.
Site A lies beside a river with water and fertile floodplain soil, but it sometimes floods. Site B is on higher land farther from water, with less flood risk. This is a simplified fictional comparison, not a description of one ancient civilization.

Site	Advantage	Challenge
A	Water and fertile soil	Flood risk
B	Less flood risk	Farther from water

1. Which site is nearer water?

2. Which site has less flood risk?

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3. Explain one reason people might choose A.

4. Explain a tradeoff at B.

5. What information would help choose a site?

6. Why should this model not explain every ancient settlement?
