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	Allowed the Roman Empire to control the trade routes throughout the Mediterranean Sea.
	Allowed the Byzantine Empire and later the Ottoman Empire to control the trade routes from East to West and West to East. The location of the Ottoman Empire blocked Europeans from using land trading routes causing them to trade by sea around Africa, which causes the Age of Exploration.
Tigris & Euphrates River Valley	
	Located in the farthest western side of Europe allows them to be close to the soon to be discovered Americas by Columbus in 1492.
The Island of Great Britain	
Natural Deep Harbors	
	Prevented the cultural diffusion from Northern Africa to Central and Southern Africa.
The Archipelago of Japan	
	Protected China from invasion and from early Cultural Diffusion.
Rain Forest	

Cold Climate	
	Protected it from the Chinese invasion of Kublai Khan by way of the Kamikaze or Divine Wind.
Monsoons	
	The location of coal at the surface on the Island of Britain allows them to use it for fuel and allows for the Industrial Revolution to begin in England in 1740.