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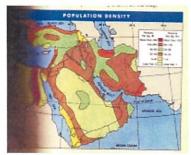
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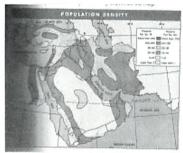
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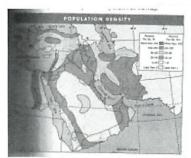
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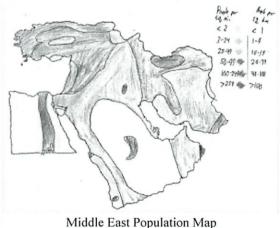
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Geographical diversity is one of the defining factors of the Middle East. From deserts to lush valleys, from mountains to oceans, the different sections of the Middle East define it. Vastly different geographies support vastly different populations. Lush valleys support large amounts of crops which support large population. Deserts, however, are devoid of life. They support nothing but a few creatures, if that. Thus the population of the Middle East is concentrated in a few select places in the Middle East, while vast stretches of desert sands lie practically empty.

One of the most fertile valleys in the Middle East, lies along the banks of the Nile River. The Nile River makes up the heart of Egypt, both modern and ancient. Until recently, the river flooded every year, depositing rich soil over the desert. This soil let crops be grown along the river, and could support a large population. This gave rise to one of the most recognized ancient civilizations on earth, Ancient Egypt. The rulers of Ancient Egypt managed to build huge pyramids from their large population. The Nile Valley is one of the richest in the Middle East. In present day, it supports more then 250 people per square mile, the densest in the Middle East. Nowadays the river has been dammed and modern means have replaced the floods, however the river is still the cradle of life for many people in

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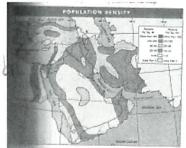
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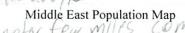
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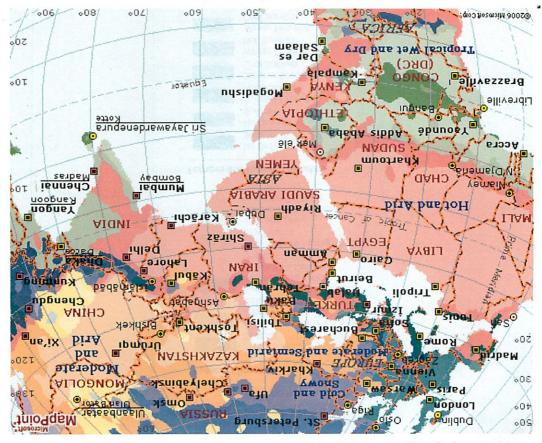
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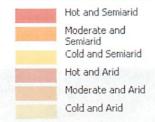
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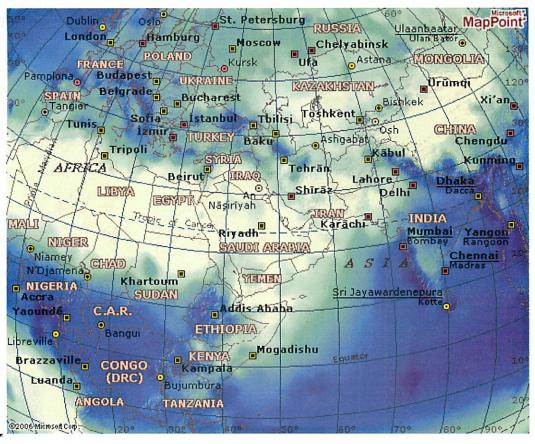
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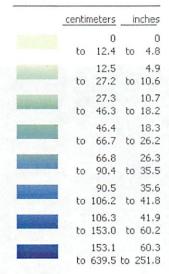


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