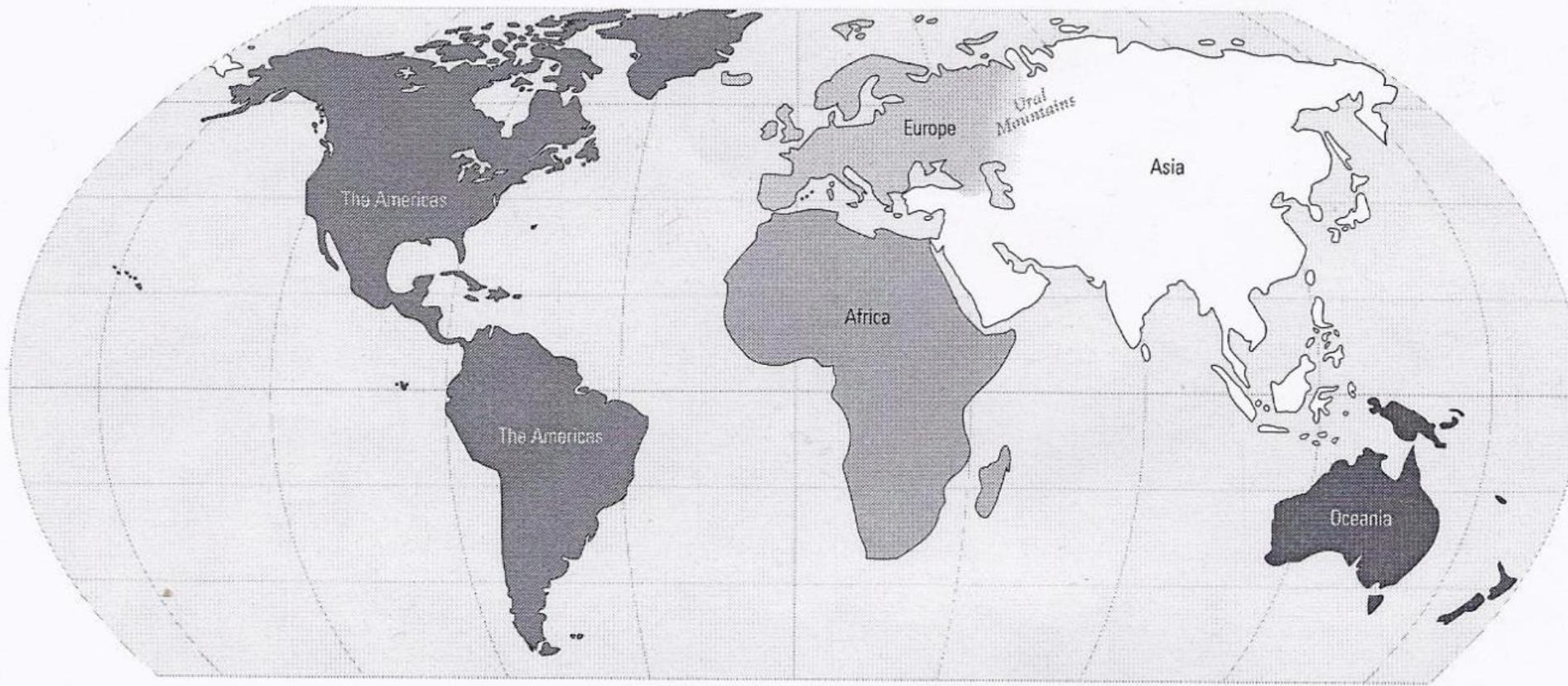


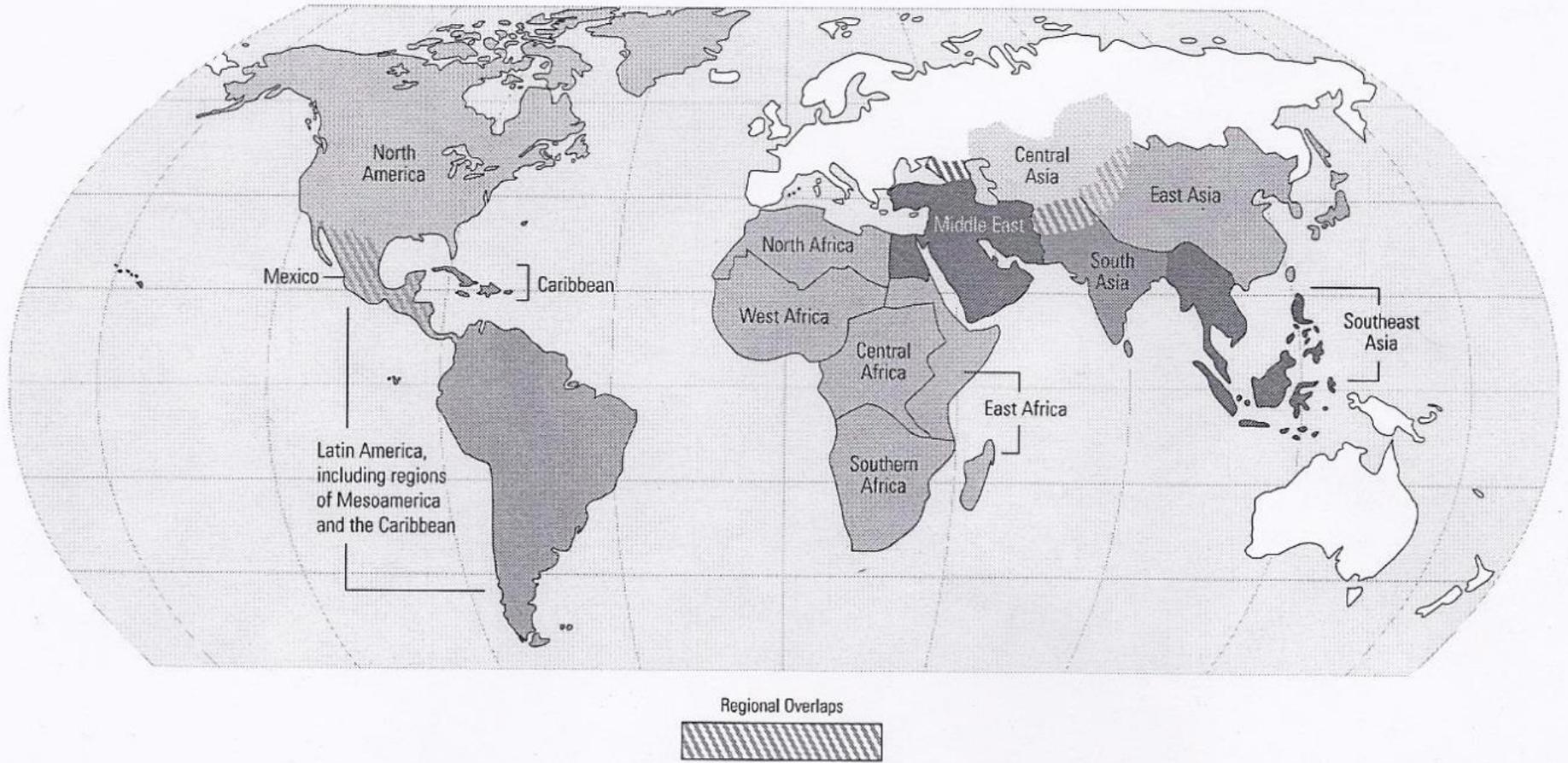
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# Sub-regions

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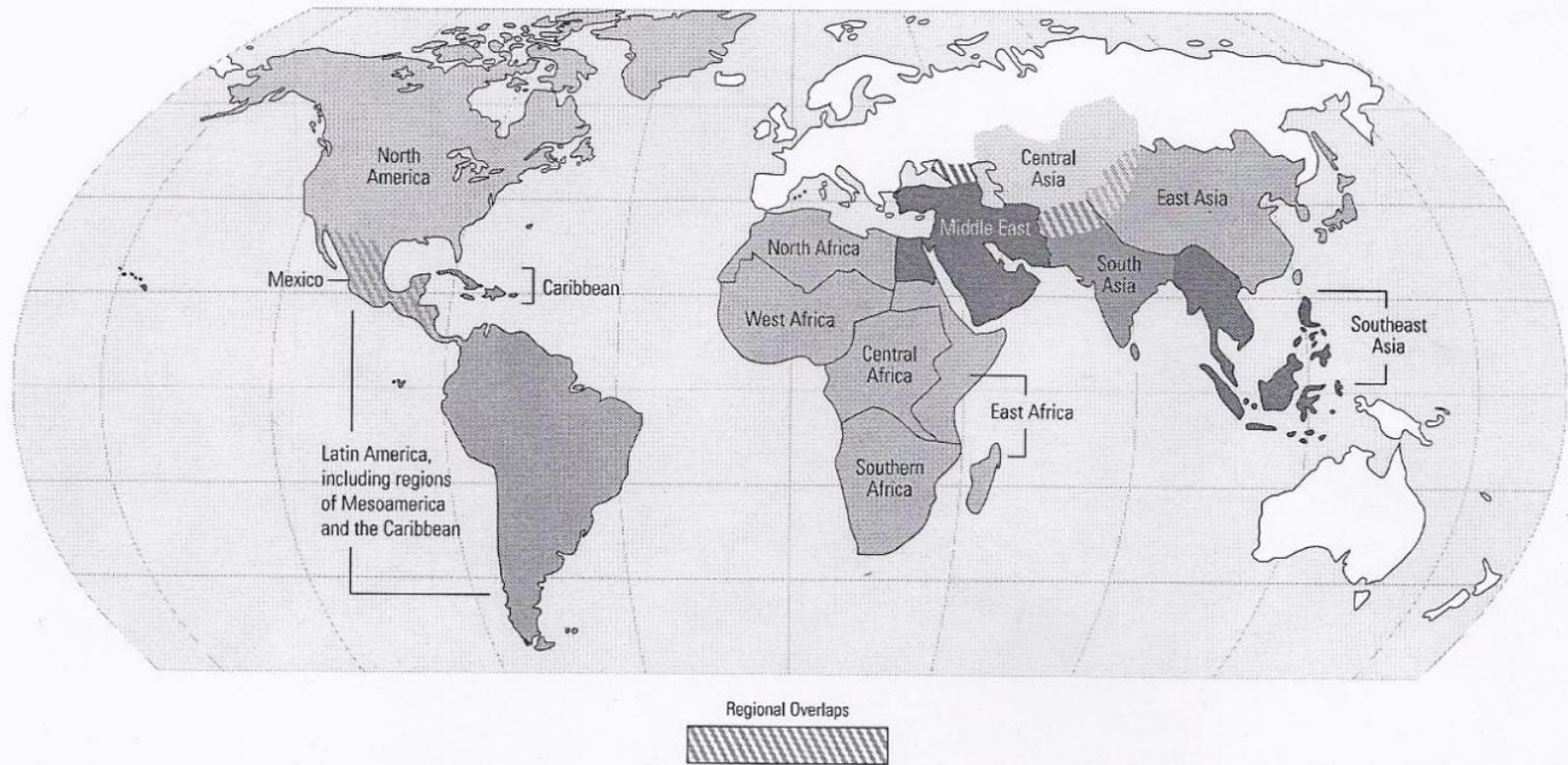


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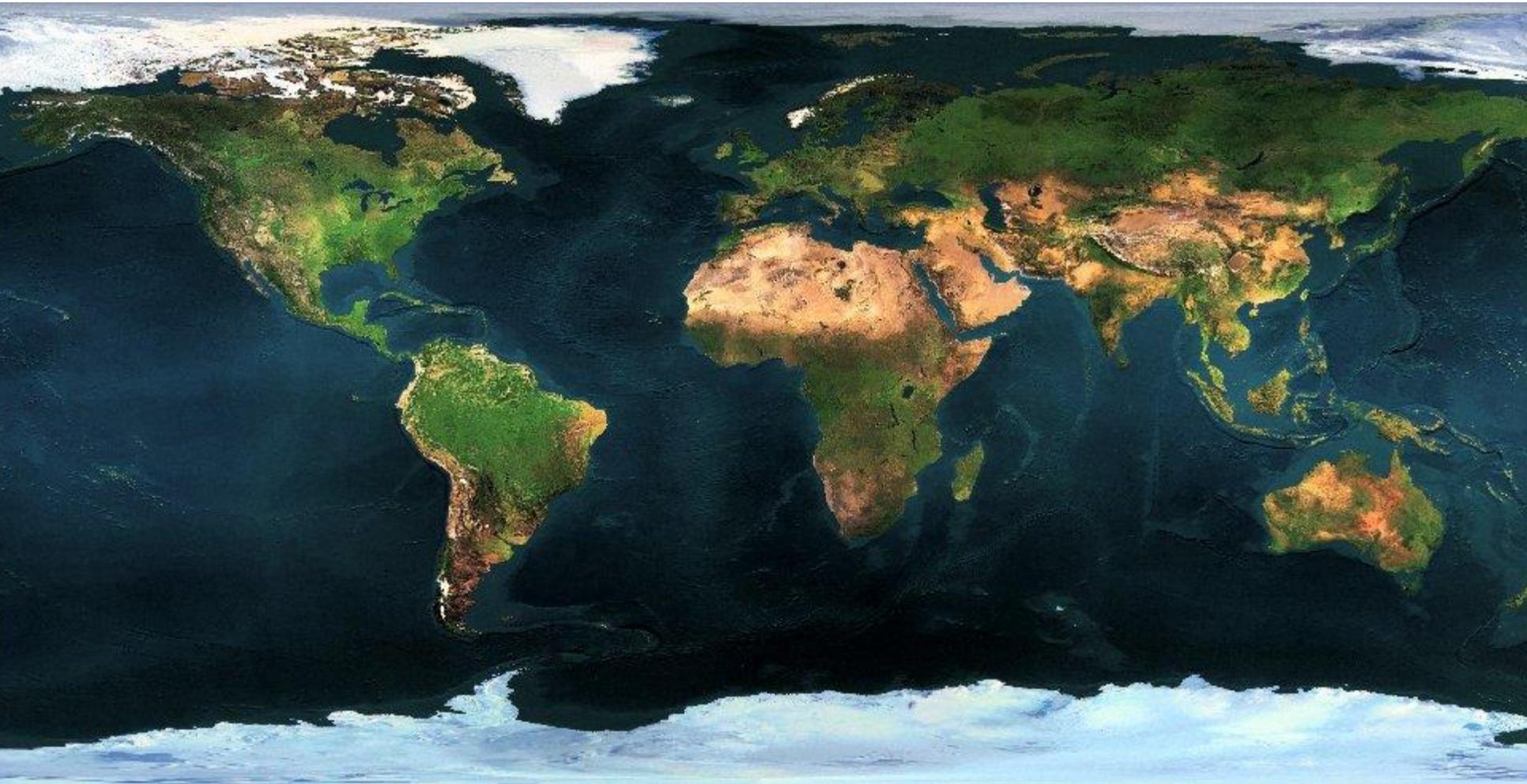
-Sub-Saharan Africa

-Mesoamerica

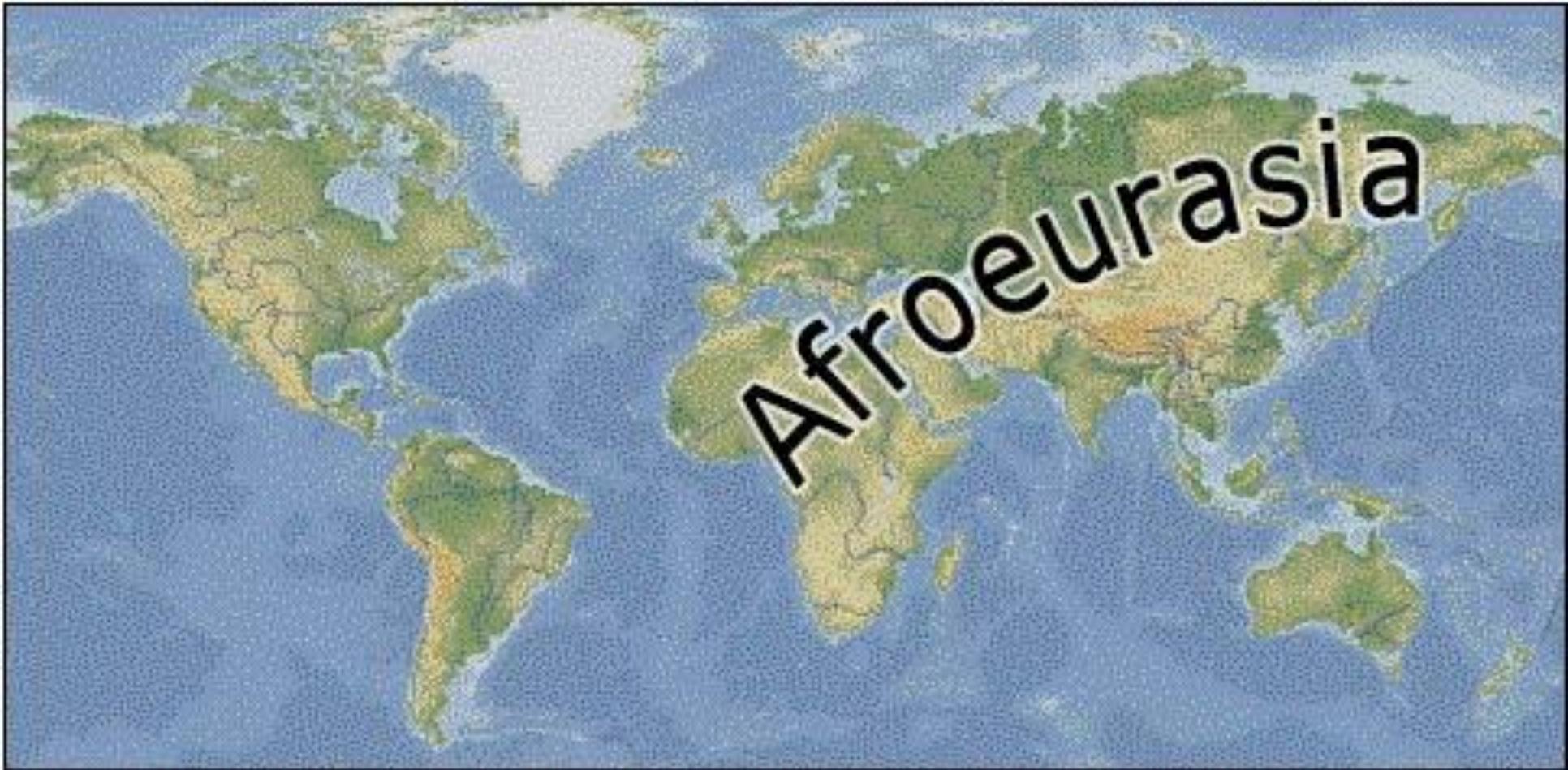
-Mediterranean Region

-Atlantic Region

When we look at a physical map of the world . . .



We don't see artificial boundaries or country lines like we would on a political map. Instead, we see natural boundaries or borders made by water, rivers, lakes, deserts and landmasses.

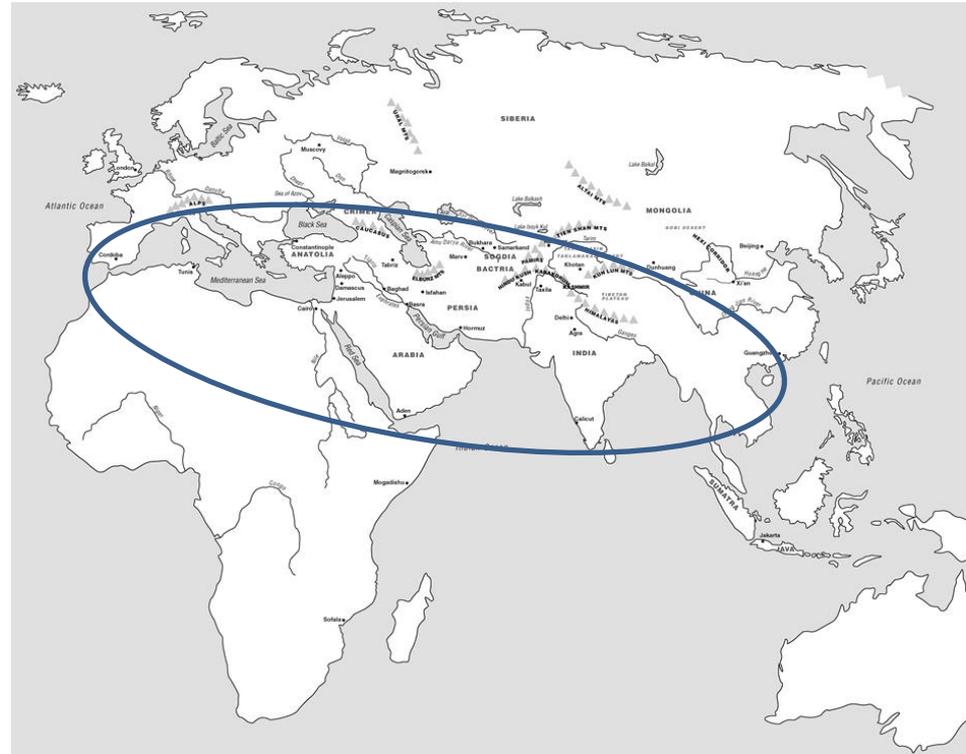


Africa + Europe + Asia = Afroeurasia

Start at the Iberian Peninsula in the West and go straight across to South China Sea; create an ellipsis around this area.

In this area:

- Every major philosophy, every major religion, and a tremendous amount of scientific contributions
- Why is the Middle East always being fought over? It is the connection between all three continental zones, point for 5 or 6 trade zones which everyone is going through.



# Which Region?

- China is cultural hearth.
- Includes Japan and Korea
- Confucianism and Buddhism provide cultural links.

# Which Region?

- Saharan desert.
- Islam is the dominant cultural link.
- Includes Morocco, Algeria, and Libya.

# Which Region?

- Relatively tropical climate.
- Diverse cultural influences
  - Hinduism, Buddhism, Chinese influences, Islam
- Diverse geography
  - Mainland Asia to Indonesia
- Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia

# Which region?

- Very regionally organized throughout history.
- Hinduism is the most influential cultural link.
  - Islam is prominent in the region
  - Birthplace of Buddhism
- India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal

# Which region?

- Islam is a dominant cultural link.
- Birthplace of Judaism and Christianity.
- Hugely influential in trade and commerce.
- Includes modern day Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey.

# Which region?

- Region is almost totally organized based upon culture.
- Catholicism is the dominant cultural characteristic.
- Includes the Caribbean, South and Central America, and Mexico.
  - Mexico is also considered in North America.

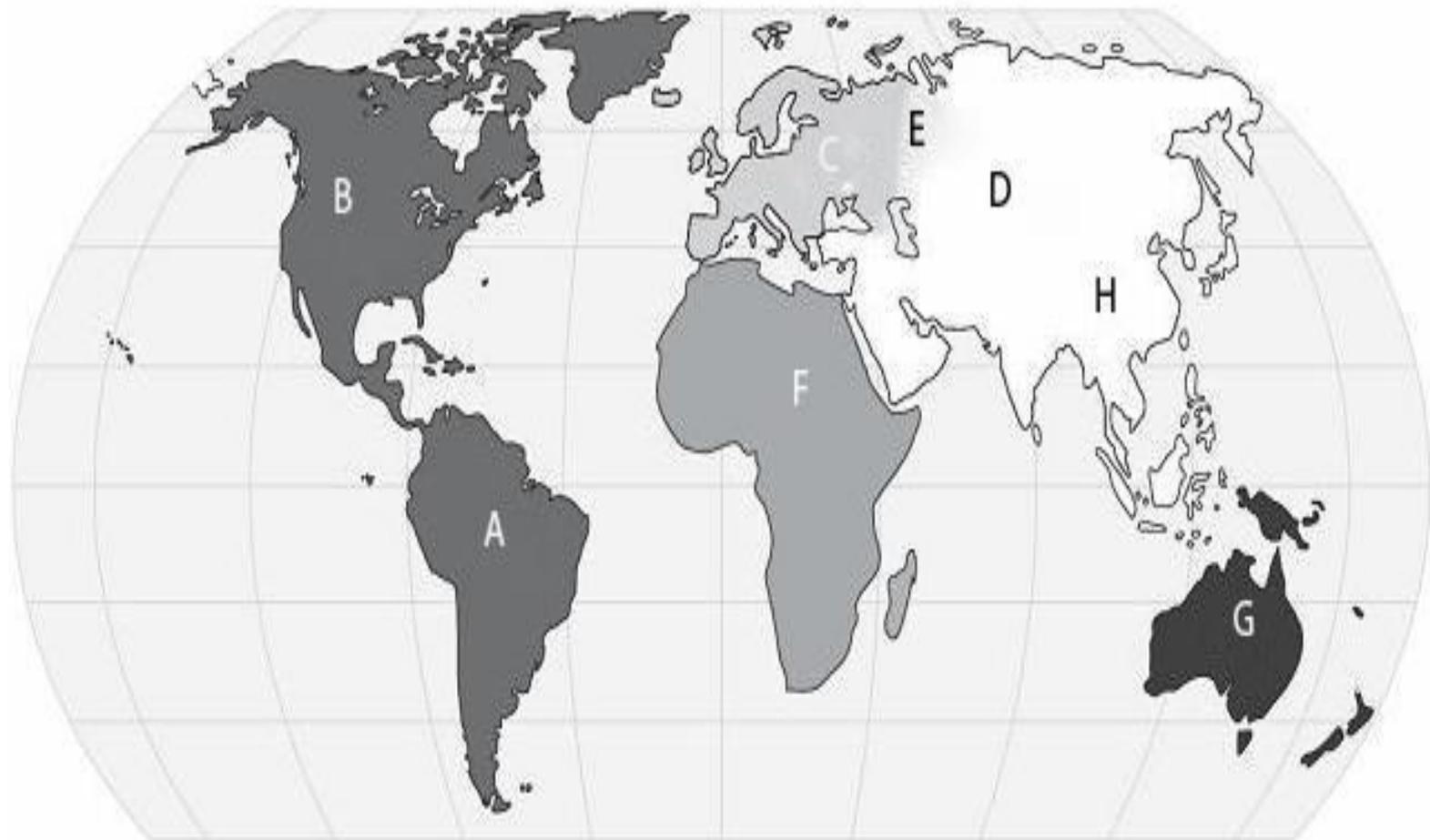
# Which region?

- Political organization was very regional/tribal for most of its history.
- Trade and diffusion was not even close to being as extensive as Afroeurasia.
- Some large empires (Aztec and Inca).
- True globalization occurred in 1492 when this region was brought into world fold.

# Which region?

- Basin of Pacific Ocean.
- Includes over 25,000 islands.
- Populated by Polynesian migrations starting in 1600 B.C.E. (though Australia was populated c. 40,000 years ago).
- Includes New Zealand and Hawaii.

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Regional Overlaps

