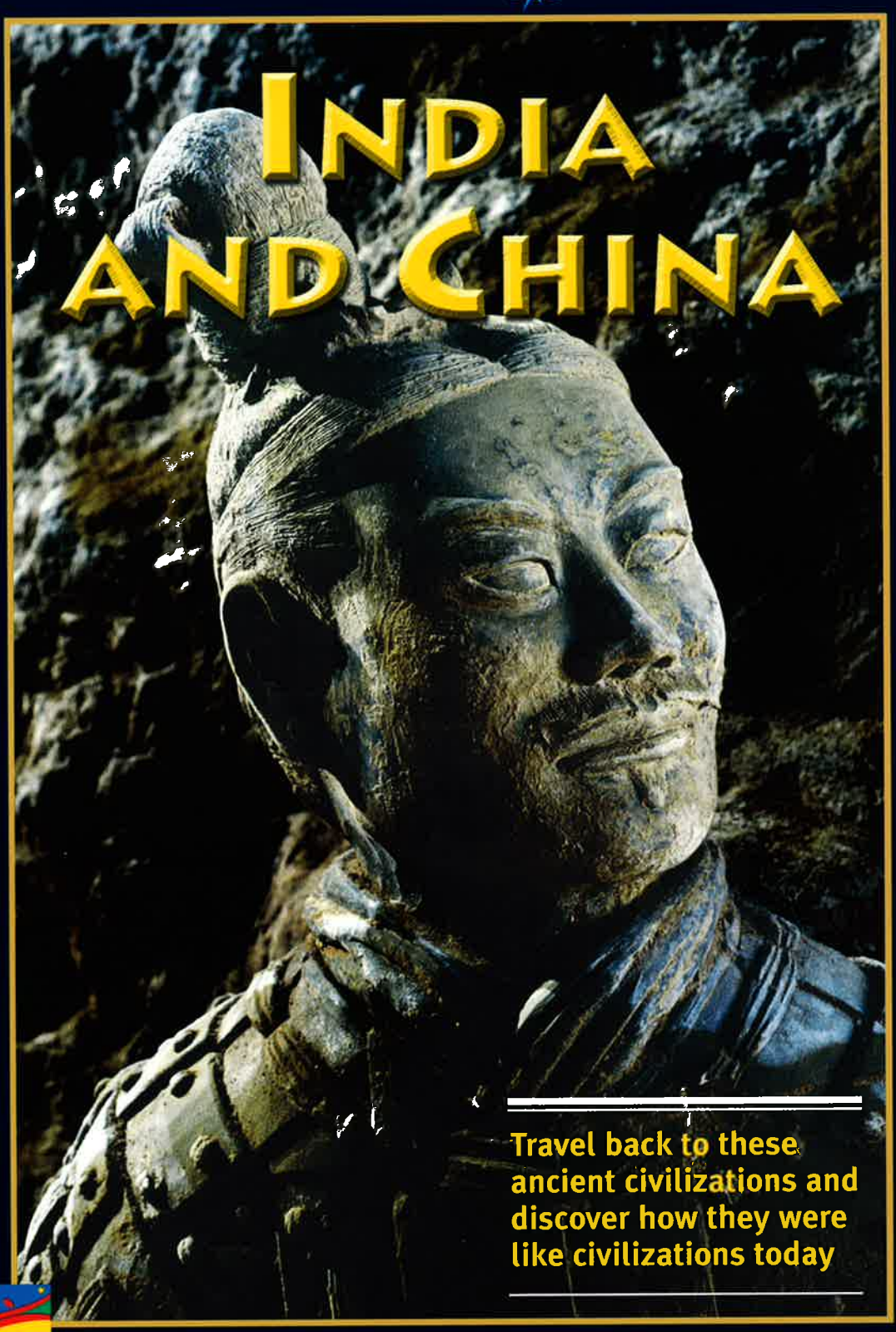
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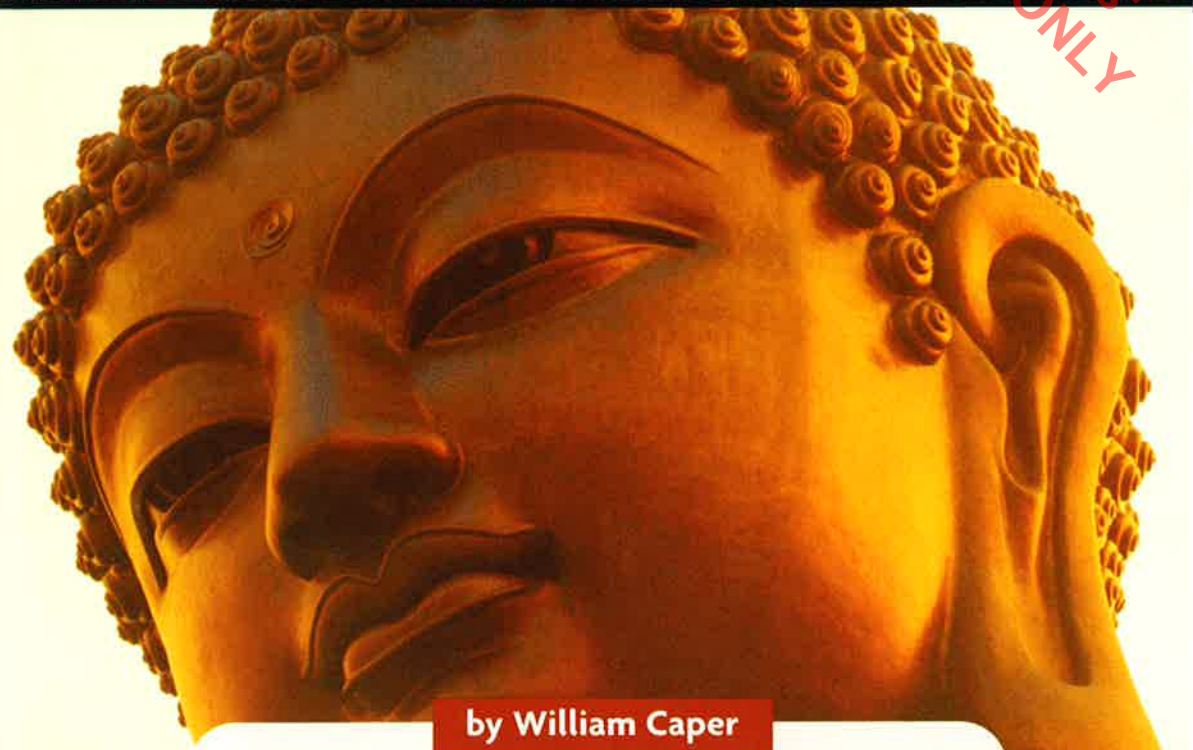
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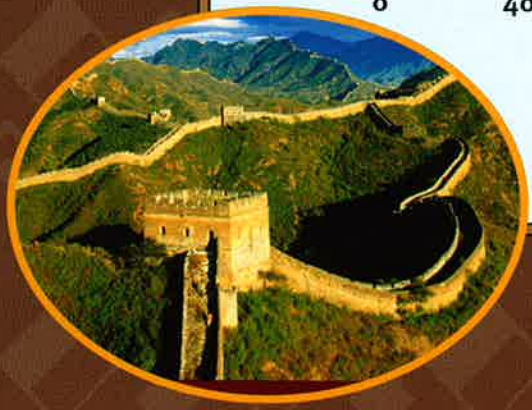
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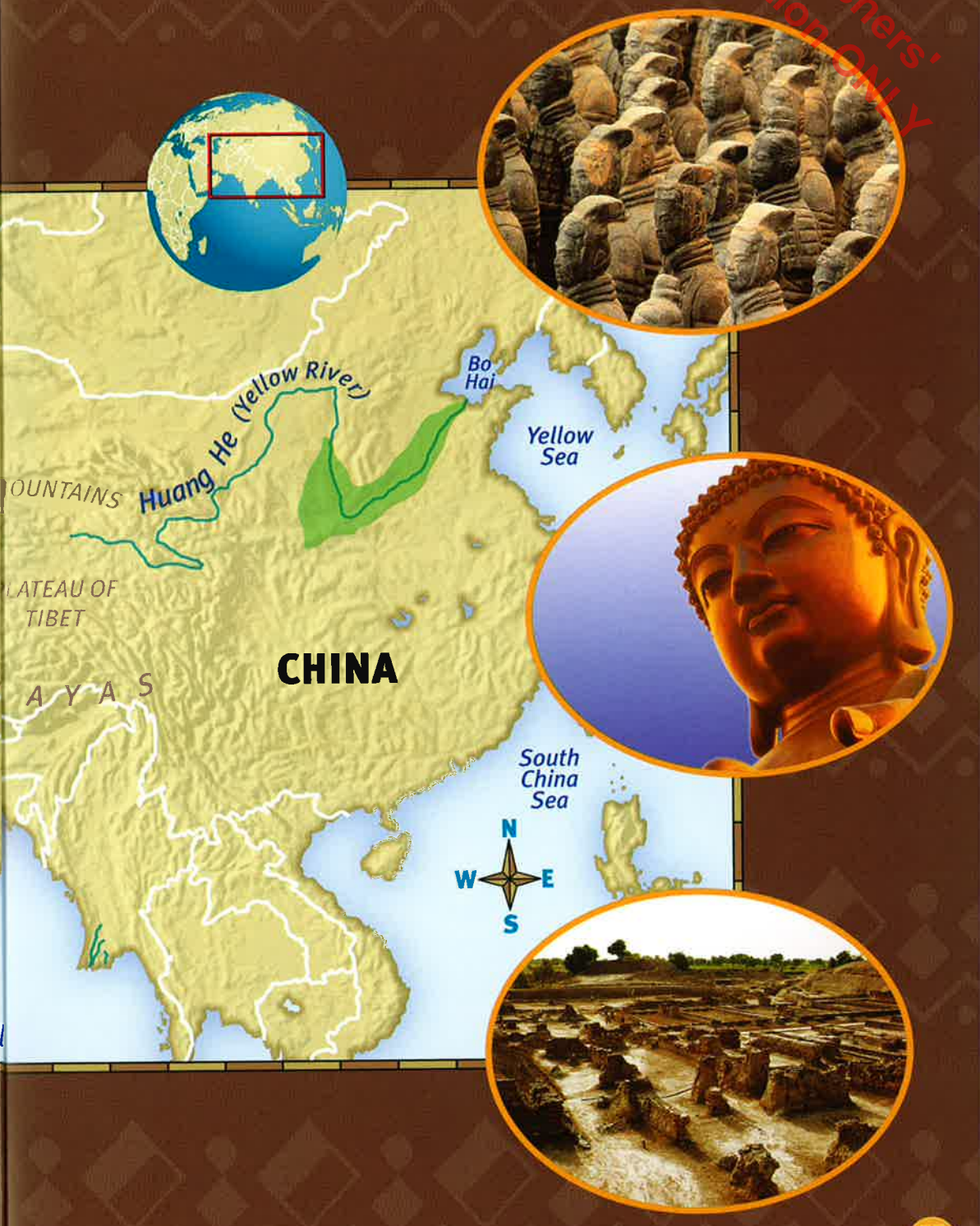






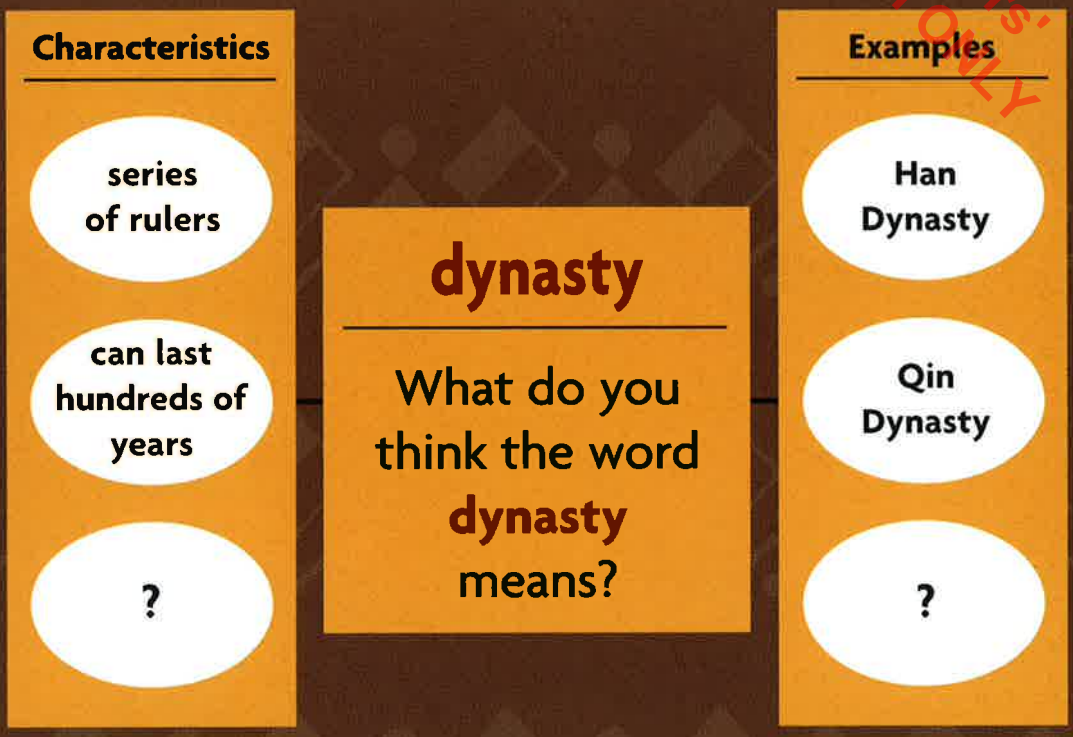
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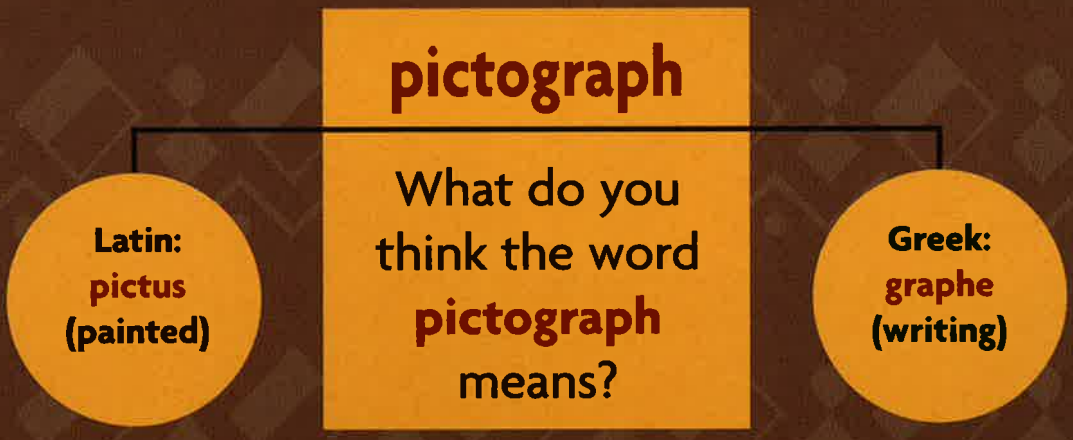
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monsoon

What do you think the word **monsoon** means?

What is a **monsoon**?

- strong wind
- ?
- seasonal

What does a **monsoon** affect?

- crops
- ?
- rainfall



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Introduction

How do people choose where they live? Most people choose to live near where they work.

Thousands of years ago, most people were farmers. Many of them chose to live near rivers. The land around rivers was good for farming. There was plenty of water for the crops. Farmers could trade goods up and down the river by boat.



↑ People visit an ancient roadway in the city of Mohenjo-Daro. It is located in the Indus River Valley in what is now India and Pakistan.