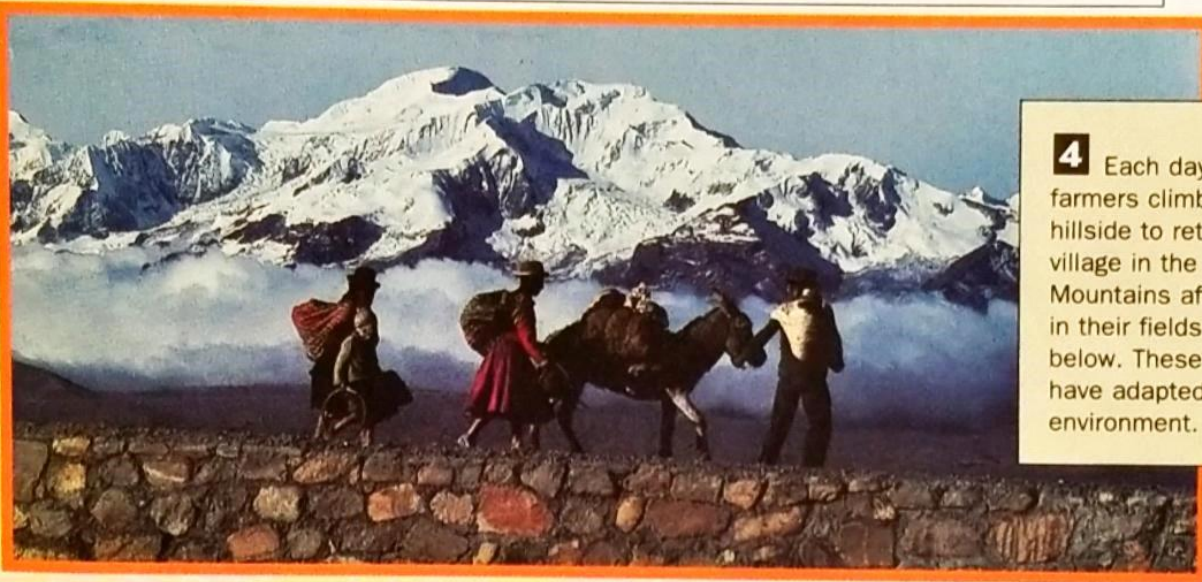
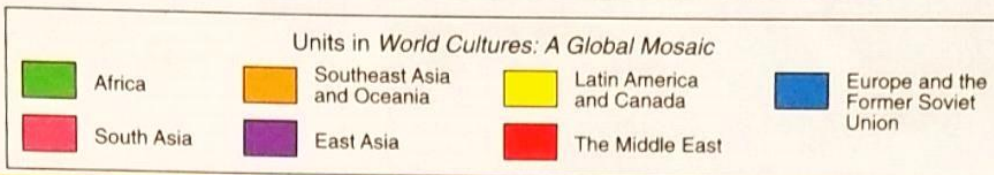
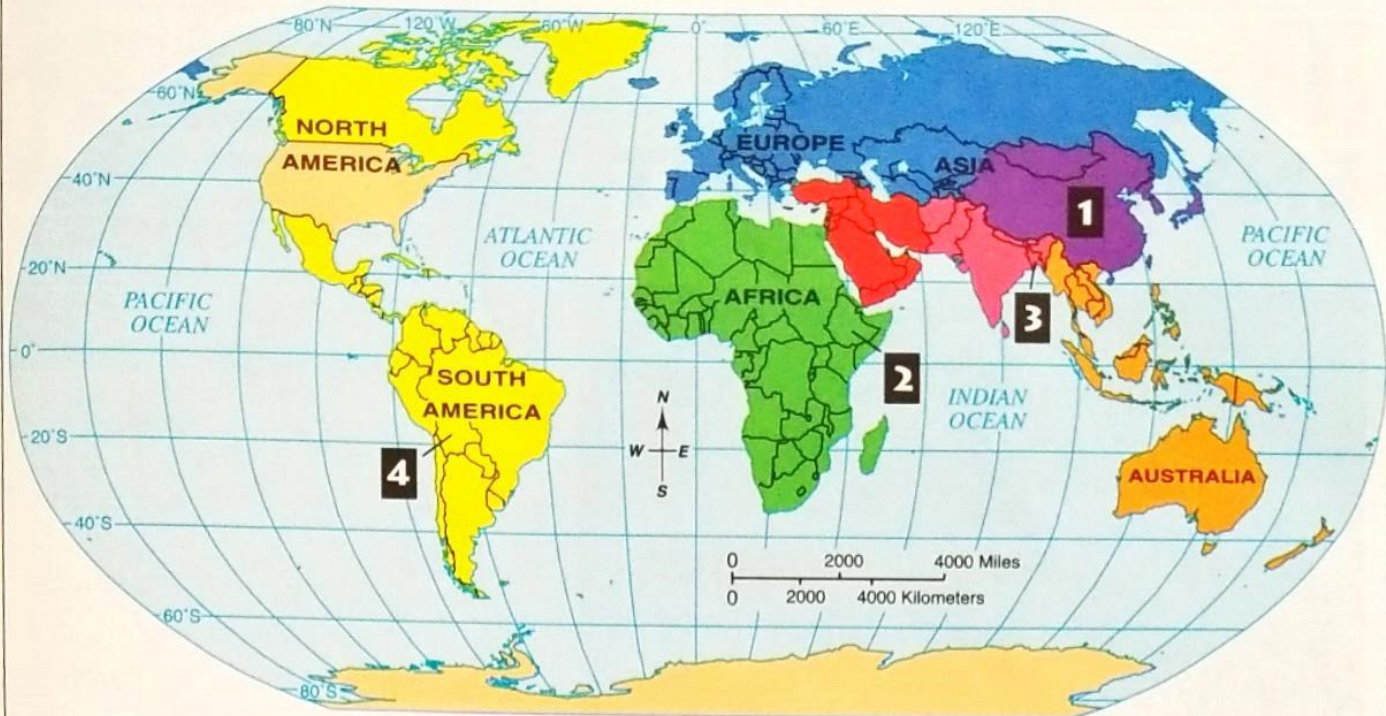


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4 Each day Bolivian farmers climb a steep hillside to return to their village in the Andes Mountains after working in their fields in the valley below. These villagers have adapted to a harsh environment.

1400	1600	1800	2000
<p>▲ Late 1400s Strong monarchs emerge in Europe and overseas expansion begins</p> <p>▲ 1400s-1500s Timbuktu is center of Islamic learning</p> <p>▲ 1569 Mercator develops new map</p>	<p>▲ 1700s Industrial Revolution begins in Europe</p>	<p>▲ 1870s Age of Imperialism begins</p>	<p>▲ 1945 United Nations formed</p> <p>▲ 1975 Helsinki Agreement signed</p> <p>▲ 1957 Soviet Union launches first artificial satellite</p>