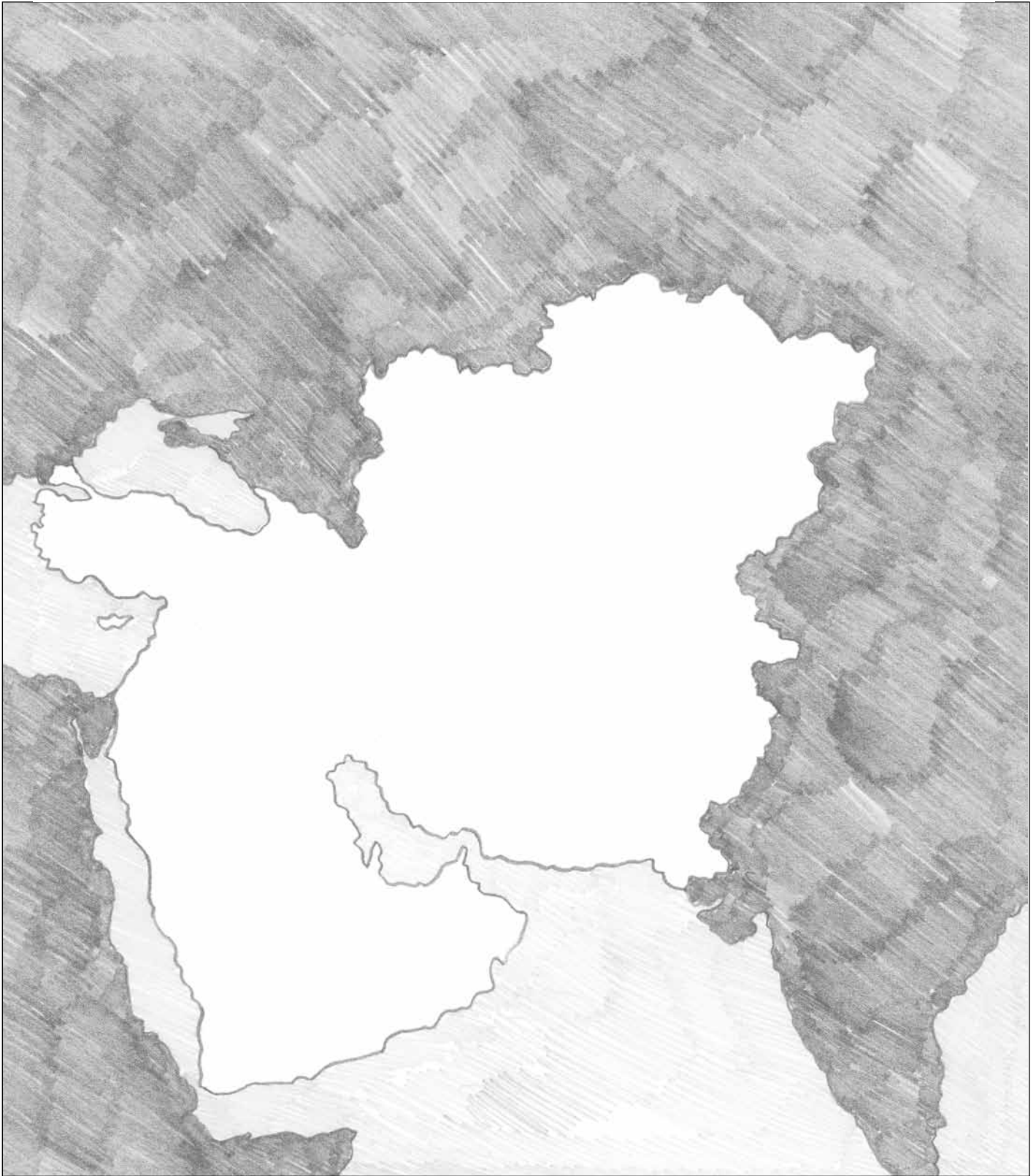# Preview: Making a Mental Map of the Region

Look at the outline map of Central and Southwest Asia on the next page.

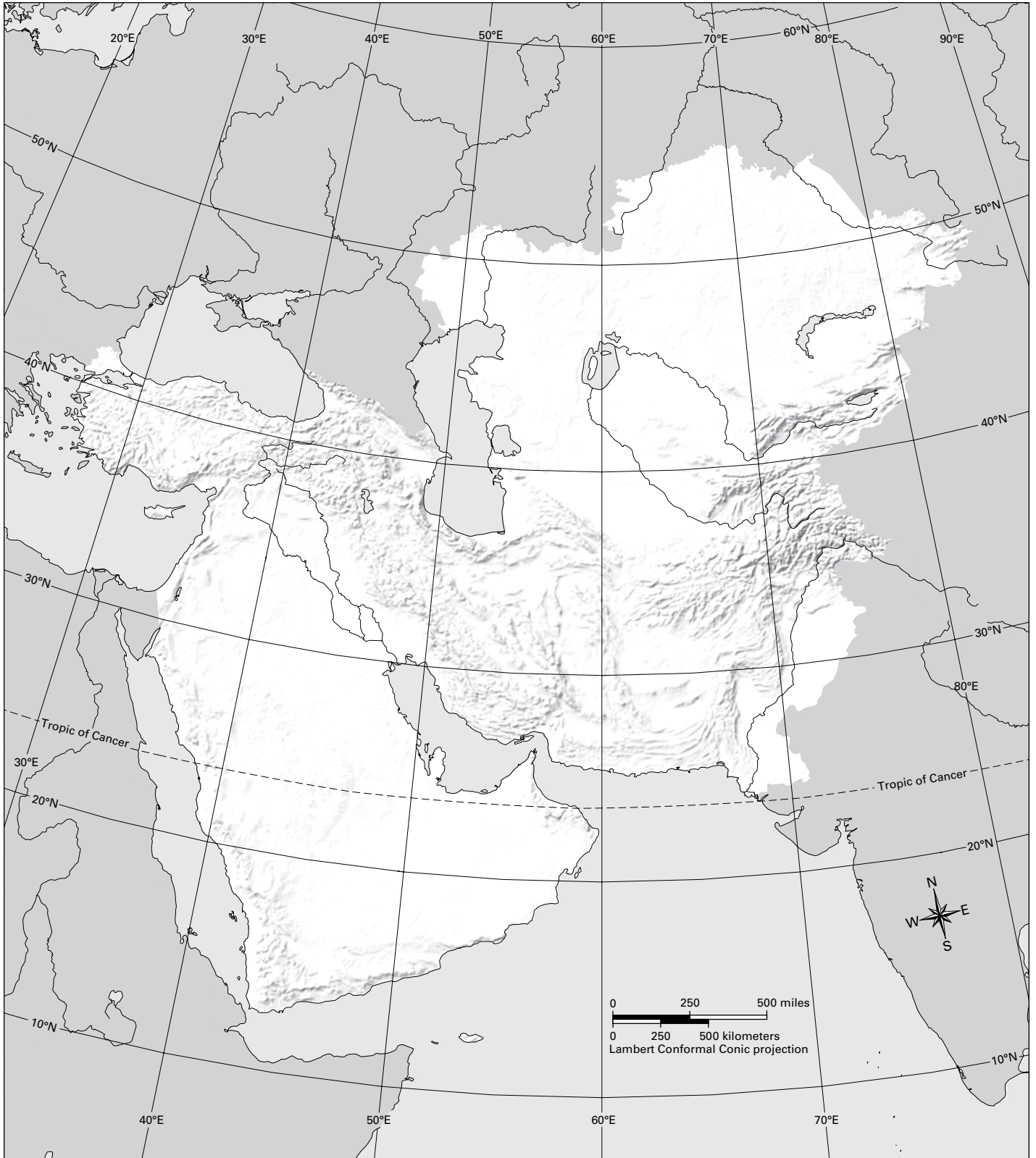Add a compass rose to the map, showing where north, south, east, and west are.

Then draw and label these features where you think they are located:

- at least two physical features (these could be mountains, rivers, lakes, or deserts)
- the other regions and the seas or gulfs that border this region
- the boundaries of any countries you think you know
- any area that you think has a very dry (arid) climate
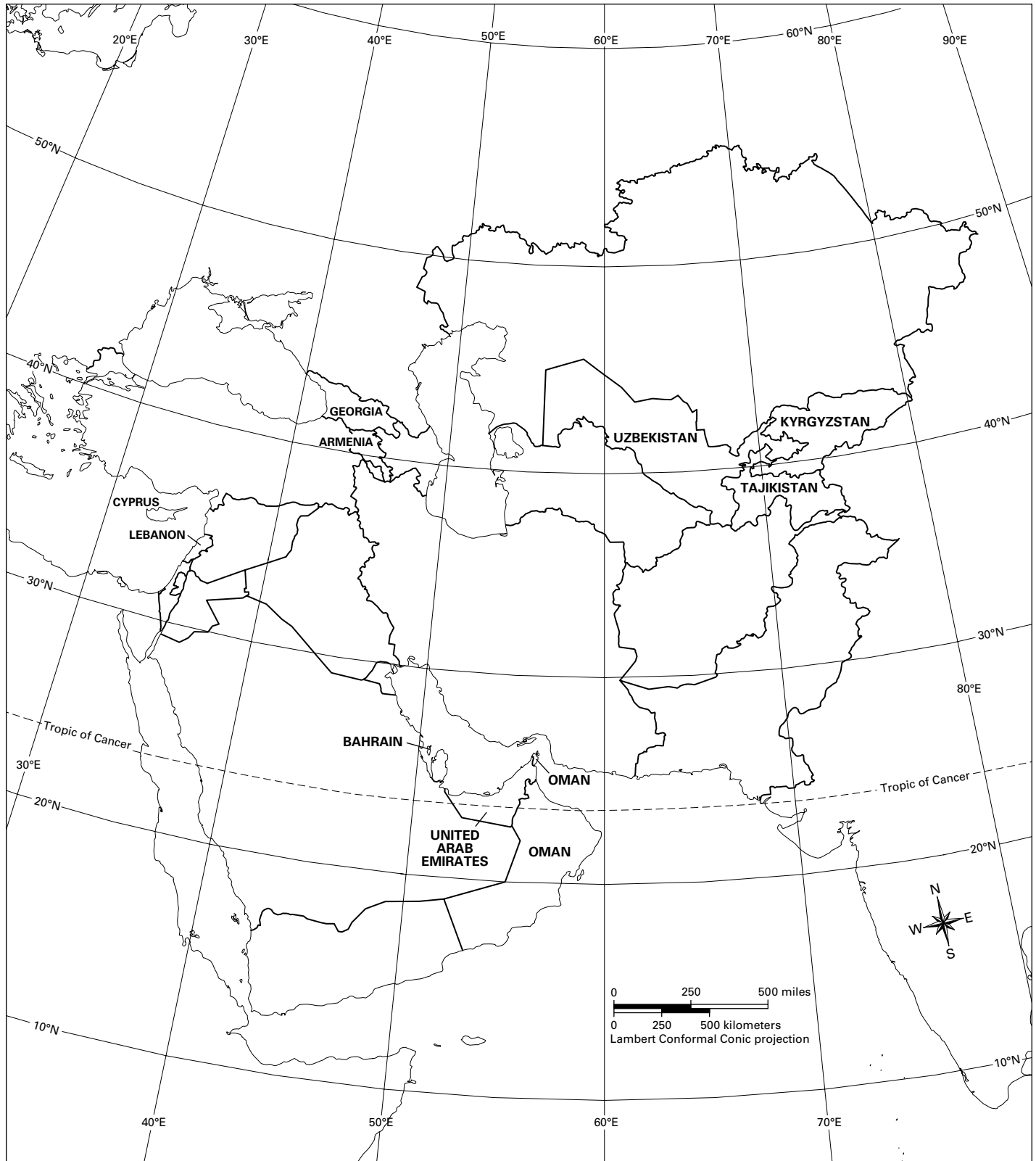- any area that you think is densely populated

Southwest and Central Asia

Challenge 1: Learning About the Physical Geography of Southwest and Central Asia

Challenge 2: Learning About the Human Geography of Southwest and Central Asia

GEORGIA

ARMENIA

CYPRUS

LEBANON

UZBEKISTAN

KYRGYZSTAN

TAJIKISTAN

BAHRAIN

OMAN

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

OMAN

Tropic of Cancer

Tropic of Cancer

50°N

40°N

30°N

20°N

10°N

50°N

40°N

30°N

20°N

10°N

20°E   30°E   40°E   50°E   60°E   70°E   60°N   80°E   90°E

80°E

30°E

40°E   50°E   60°E   70°E

N
W   E
S

0   250   500 miles

0   250   500 kilometers
Lambert Conformal Conic projection

Challenge 3: Using Geography Skills to Answer "Where?"

Question	Circle the thematic map you used. Then answer the question in complete sentences.				
1	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
2	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
3	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
4	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
5	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
6	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
7	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
8	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
9	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
10	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity

Challenge 4: Using Geography Skills to Answer "Why There?"

Question	Circle the thematic map you used. Then answer the question in complete sentences.				
1	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
2	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
3	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
4	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
5	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity
6	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density	Economic Activity

Challenge 5: Using Maps to Analyze a Field Photograph

Research Station	Location A (22° north, 48° east)	Location B (34° north, 50° east)	Location C (25° north, 67° east)
Physical Features			
Climate Zones			
Vegetation Zones			
Population Density			
Economic Activity			

Challenge 5: Using Maps to Analyze a Field Photograph

We think the field photograph best matches Location _____ .

Supporting-evidence statements:

1. From the _____ map, we learned that this location

   In the field photograph, we see

2. From the _____ map, we learned that this location

   In the field photograph, we see

3. From the _____ map, we learned that this location

   In the field photograph, we see

4. From the _____ map, we learned that this location

   In the field photograph, we see