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## Write About It

**Read the following paragraph about the Indus river valley. Then, write a paragraph about river valleys and the birth of civilization. First, describe the similarities of each river valley. Then state why living in these areas was beneficial to early people. What does this tell us about the importance of rivers to ancient cultures?**

In the spring the Indus fills with melting mountain snow. It flows from the Himalaya south to the Arabian Sea. The Indus flows swiftly through mountain passes, joined by other rivers before finally slowing down on the flat, dry Indus Plain. During the spring flood season, the swollen river spills across the plain, spreading fertile silt. The Indus actually carries twice as much silt as the Nile, and much more than the rivers in Mesopotamia.

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**Your writing should:**

- focus on the benefits geography provided each area.
- use facts and details to help the reader understand your points.
- use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.