

World History, 200–1500

A Geographical Overview

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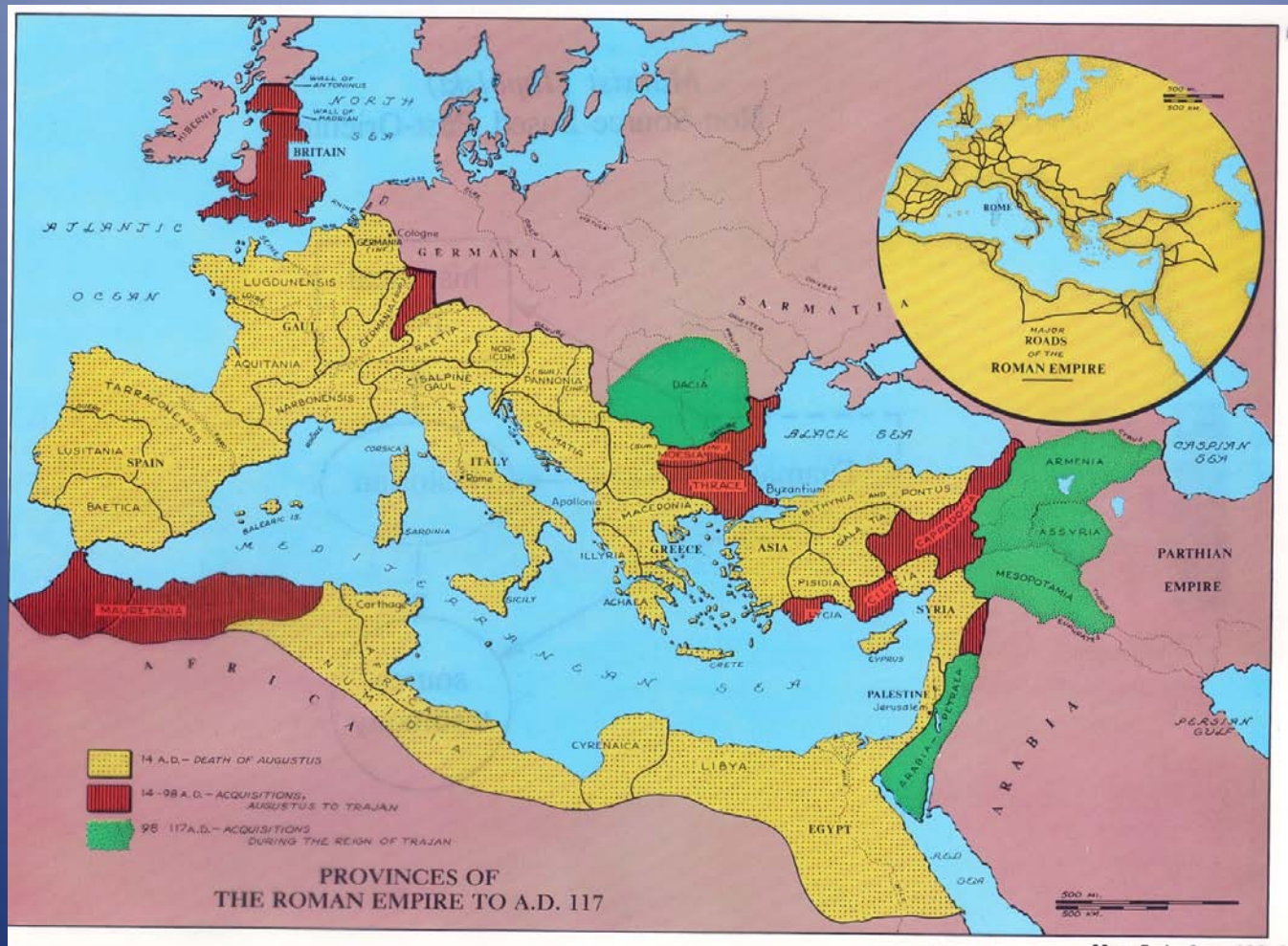
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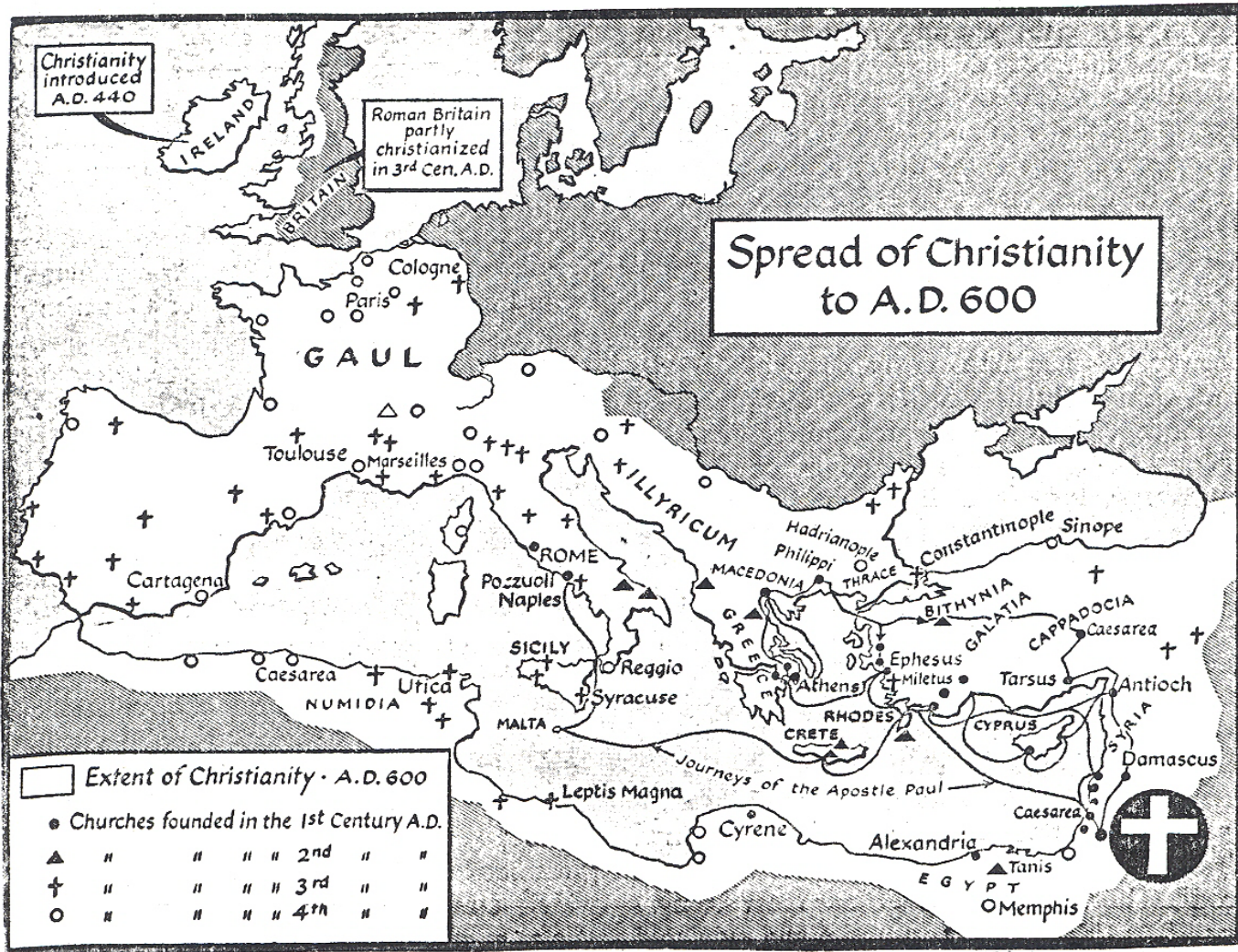
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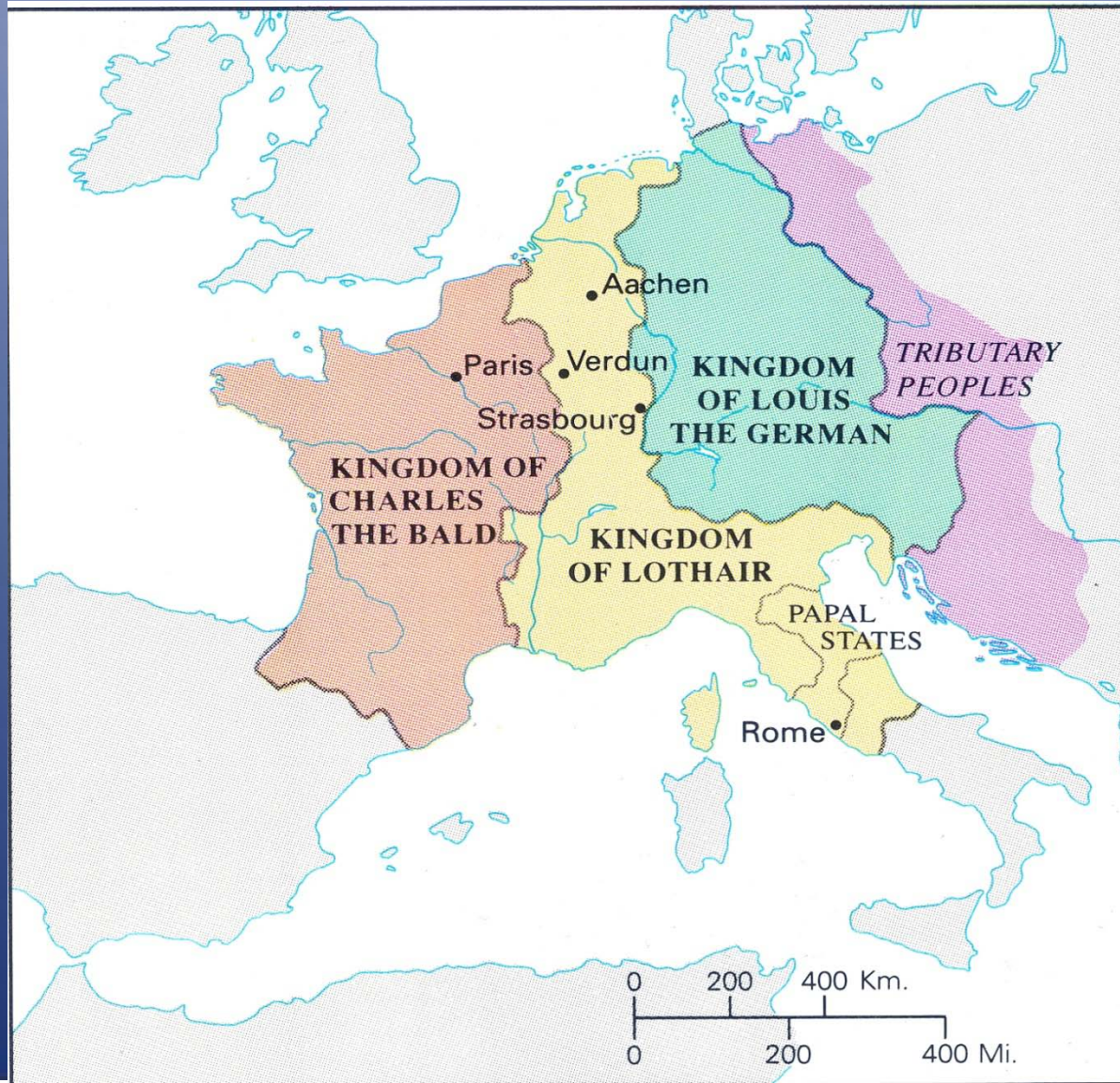
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Carolingian Empire



Division of the Carolingian Empire, 843



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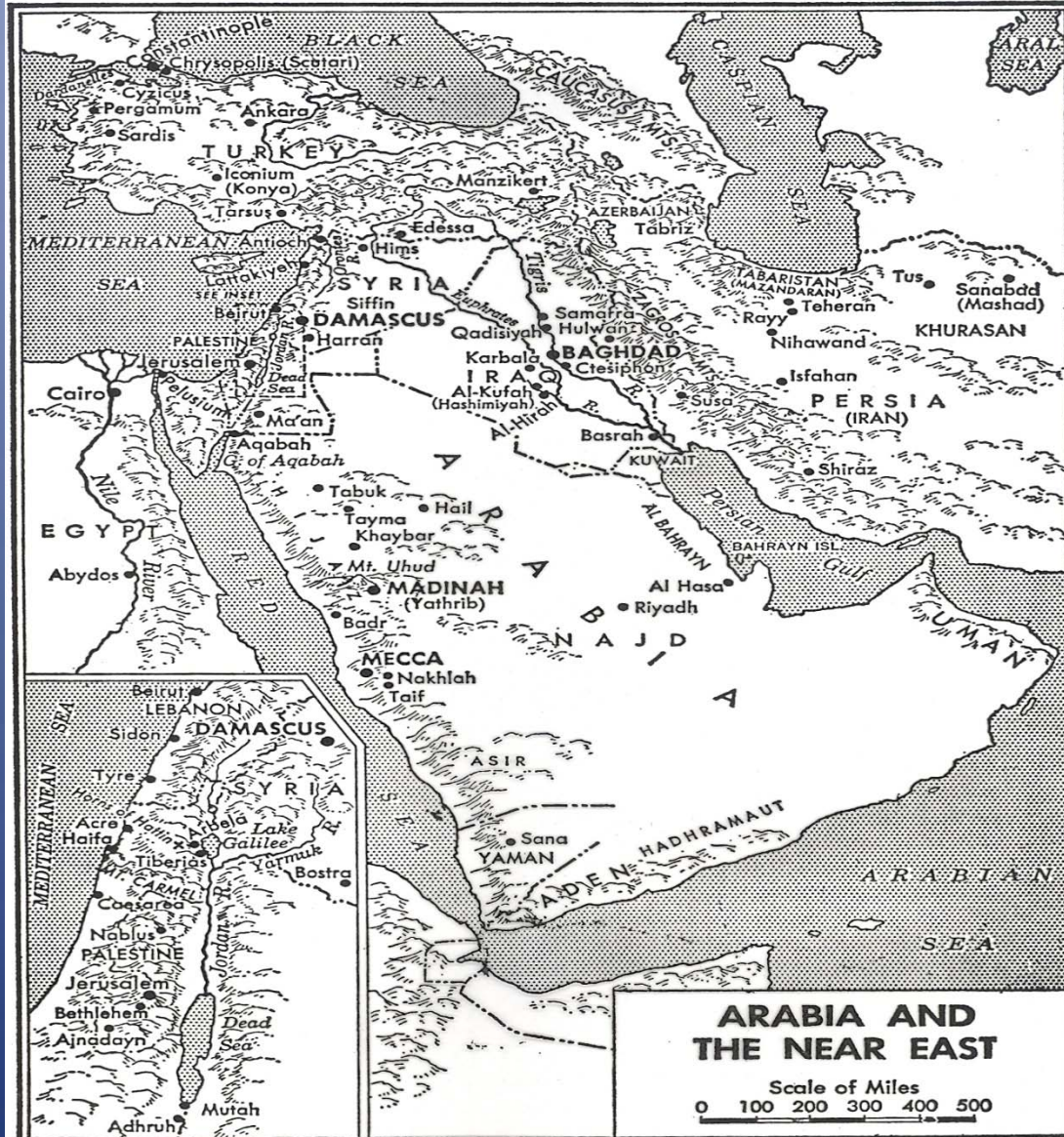
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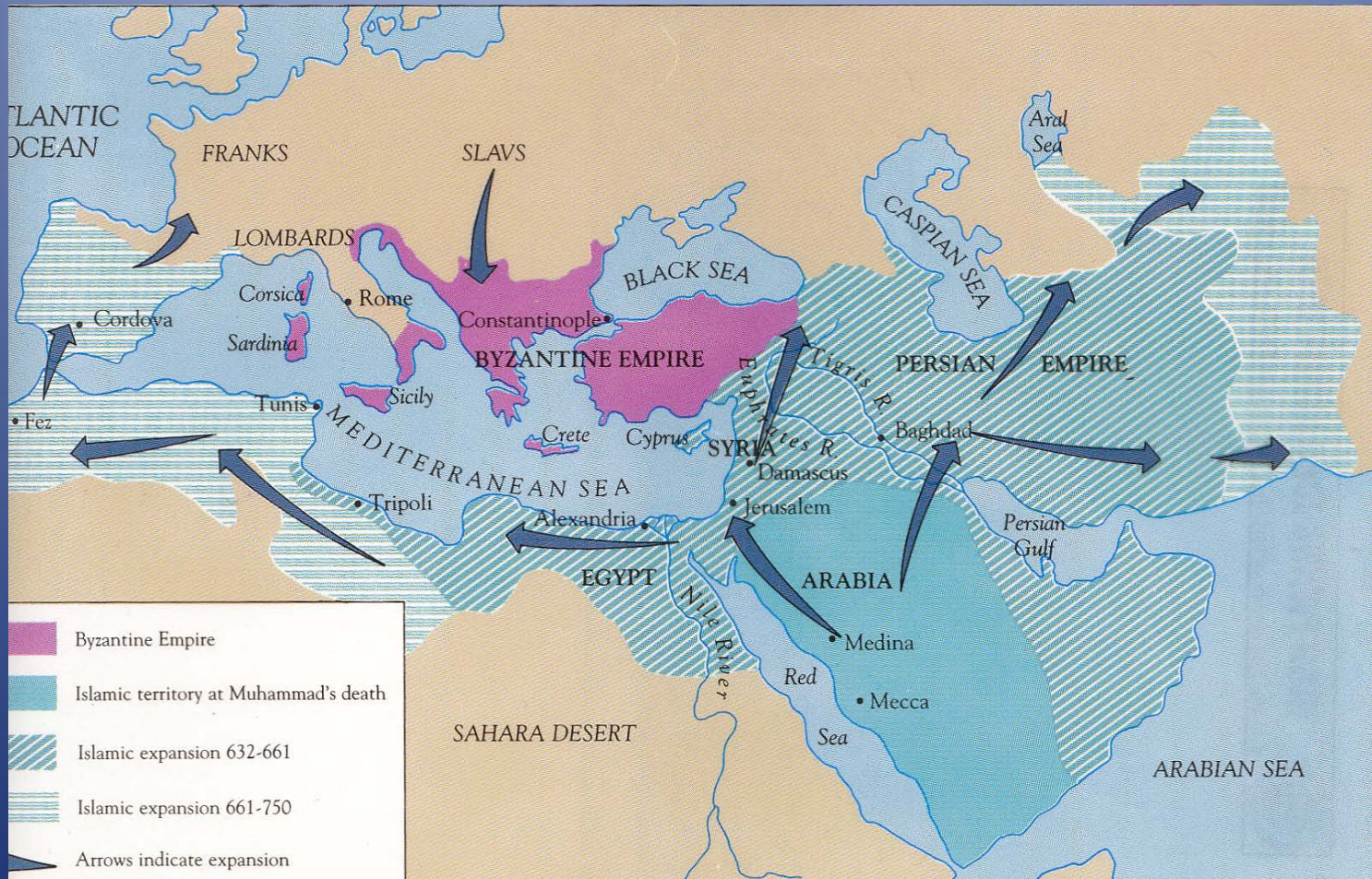
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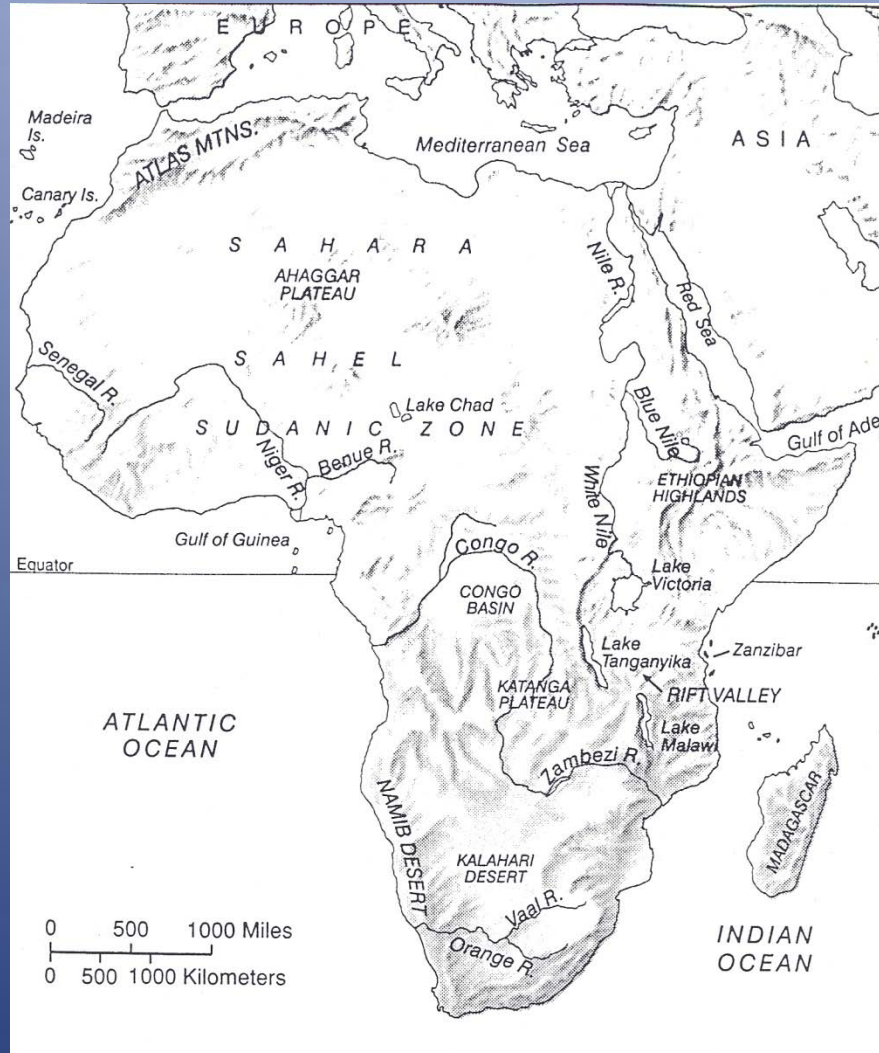


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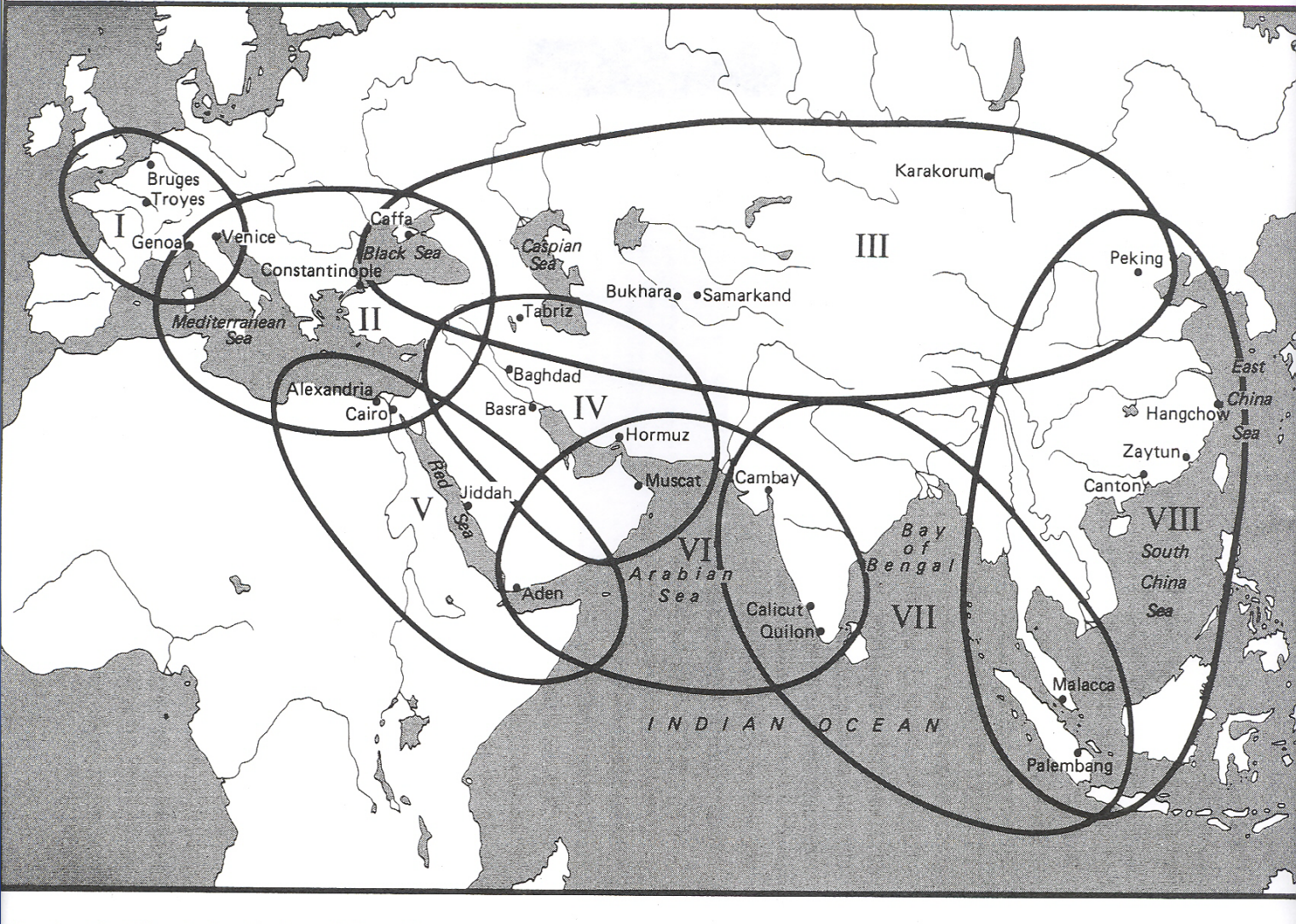
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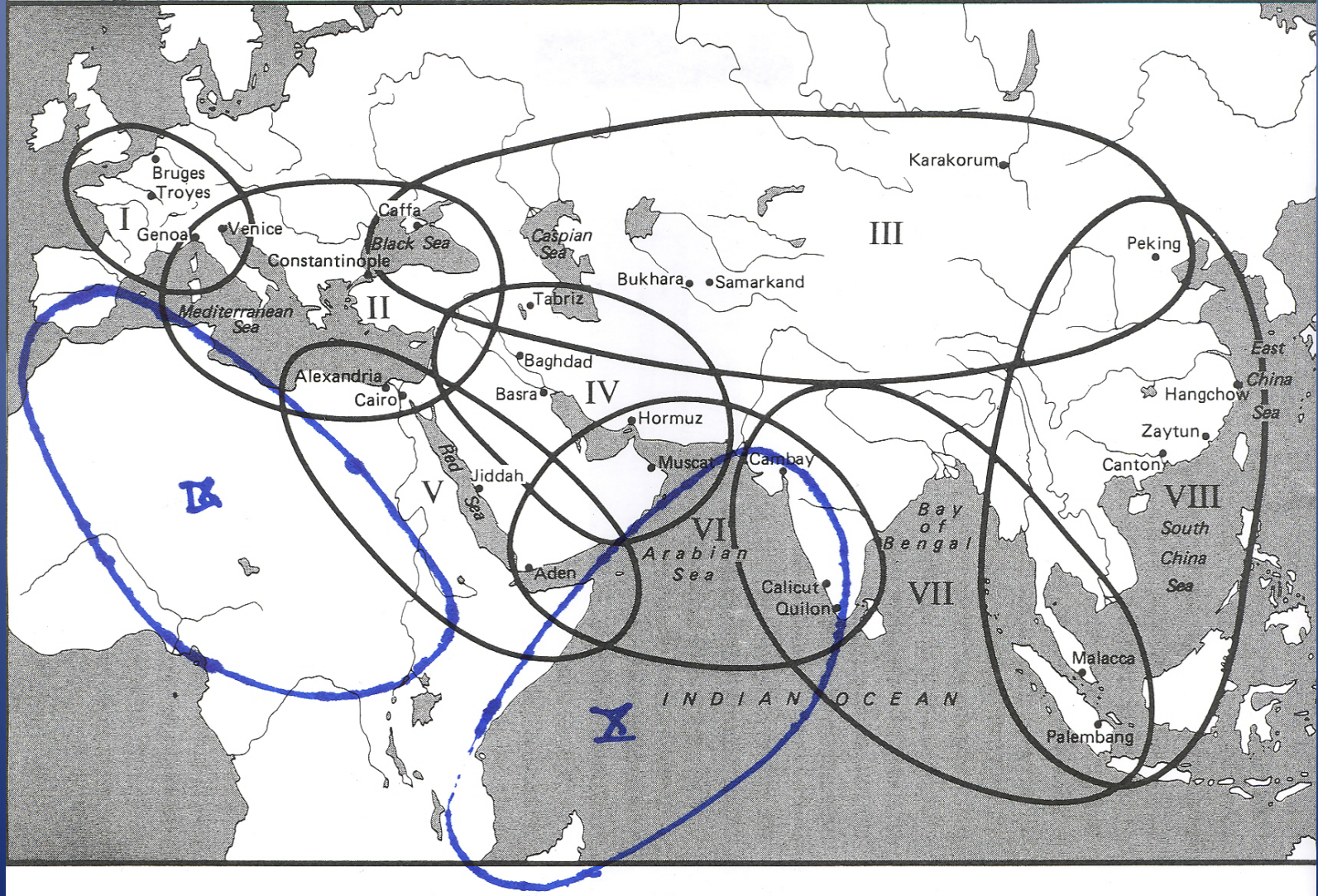
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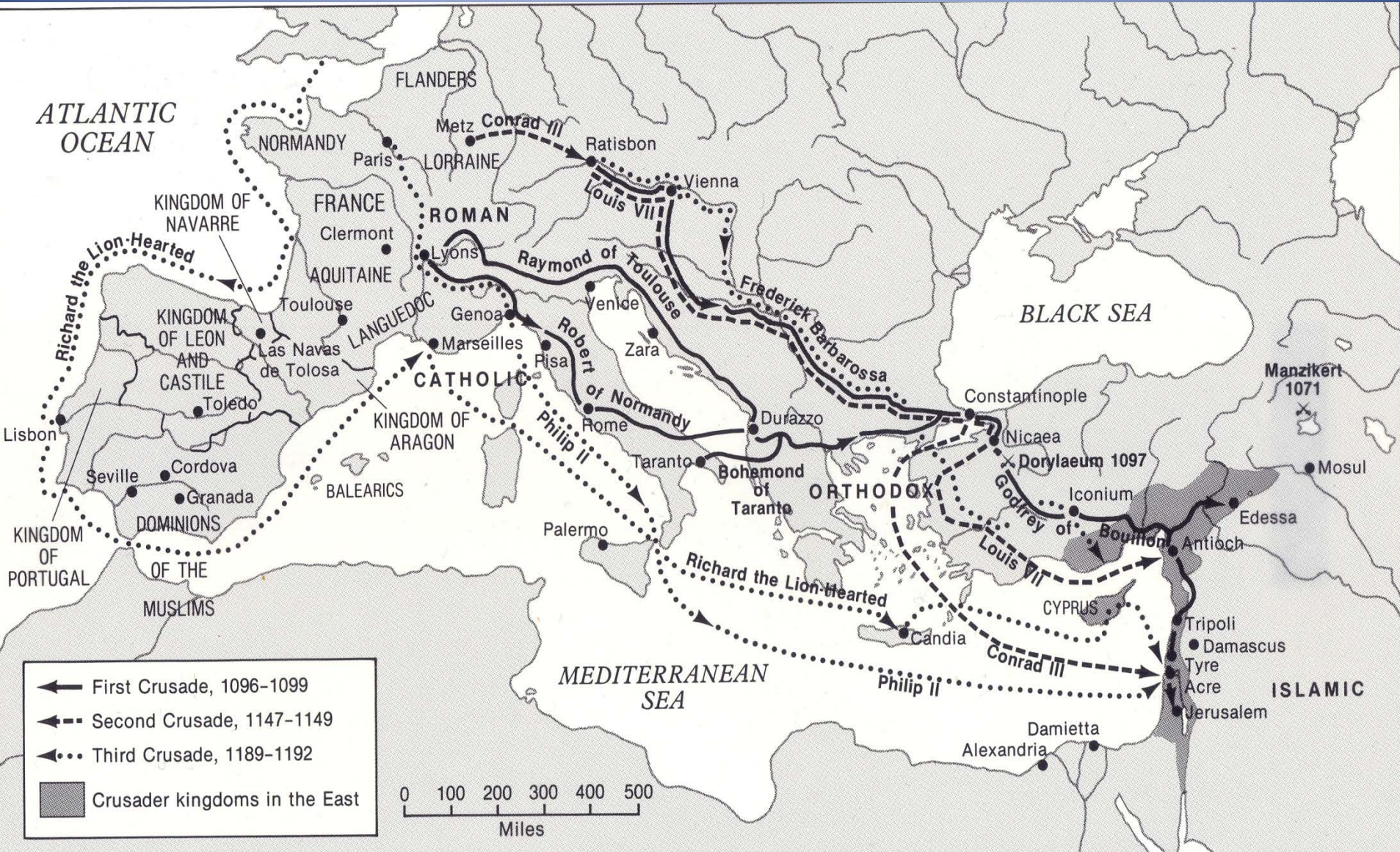
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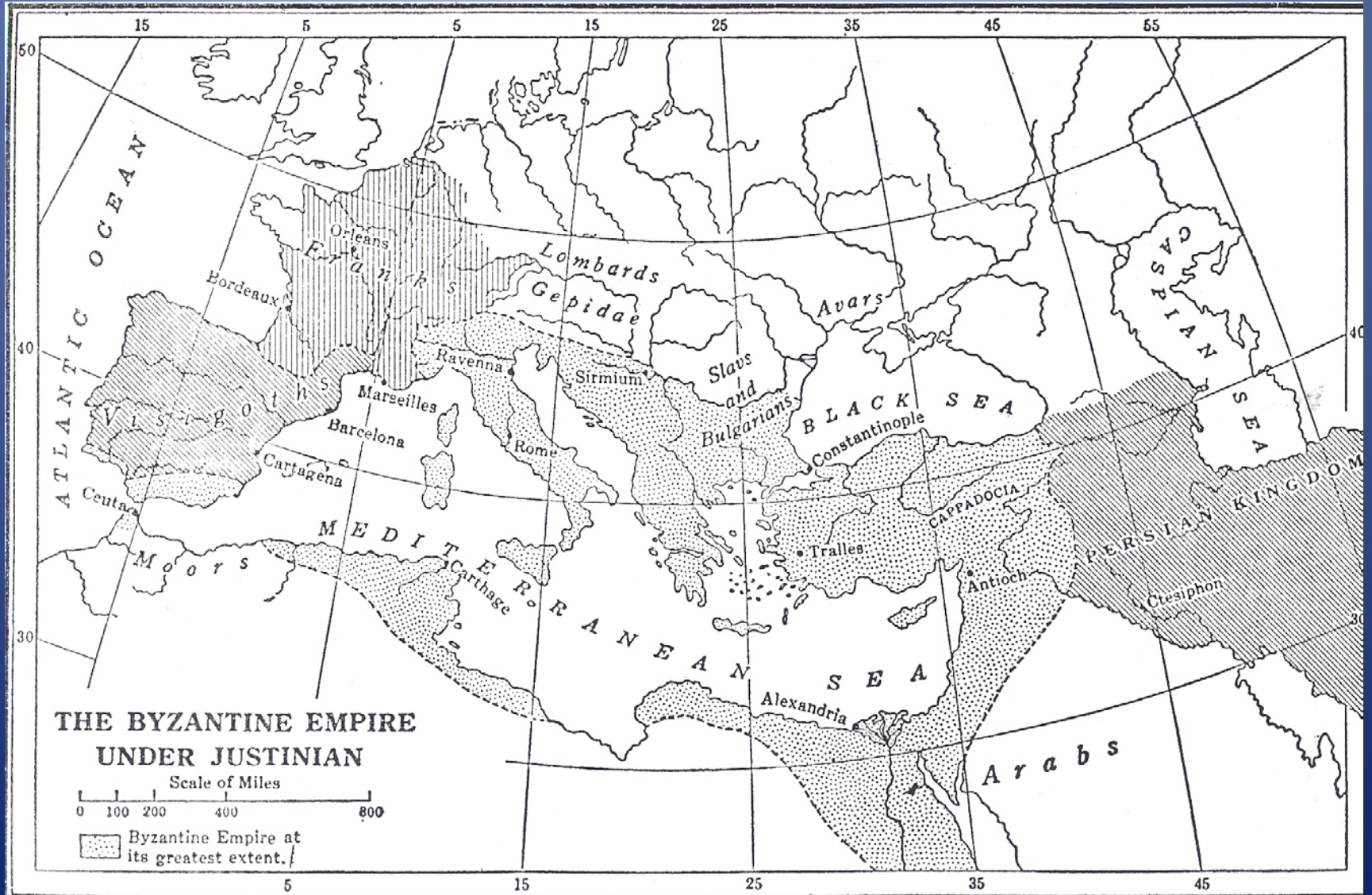
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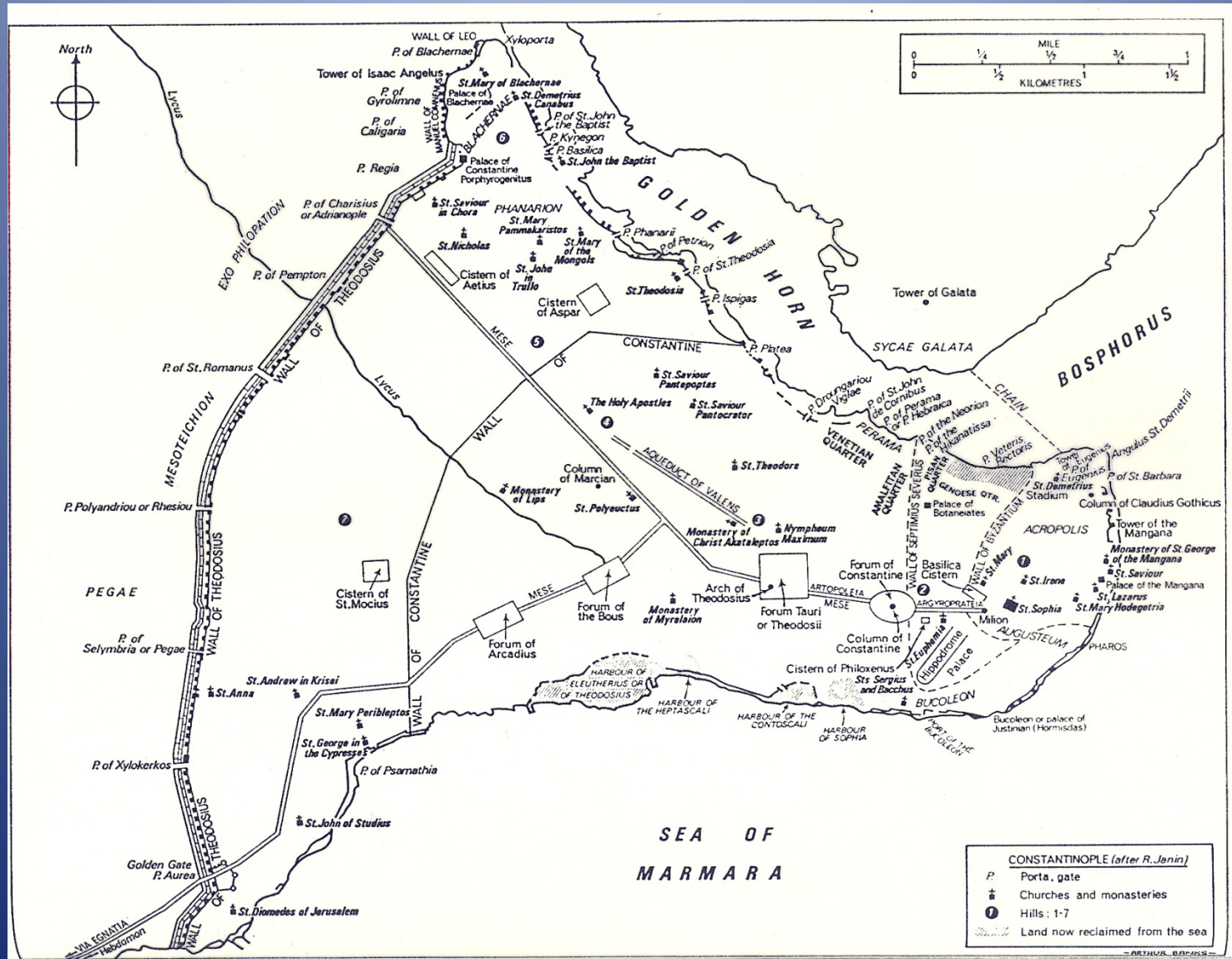
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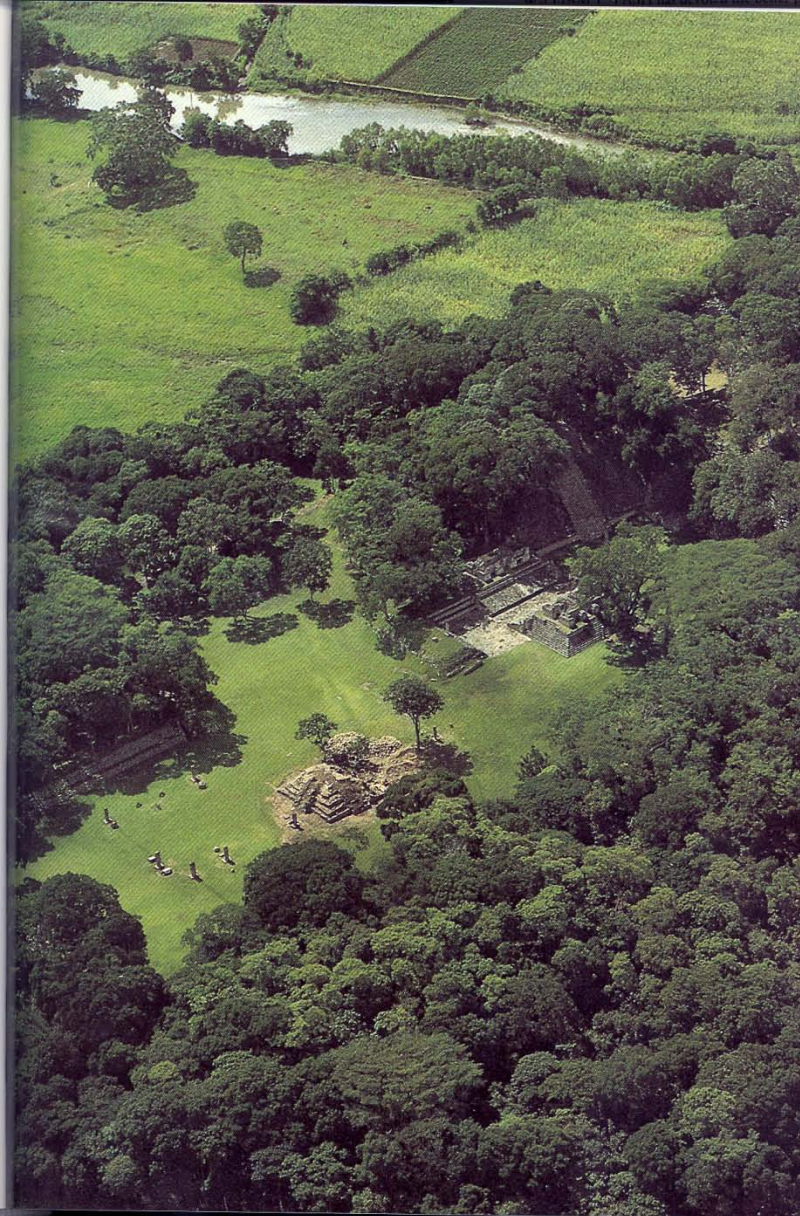
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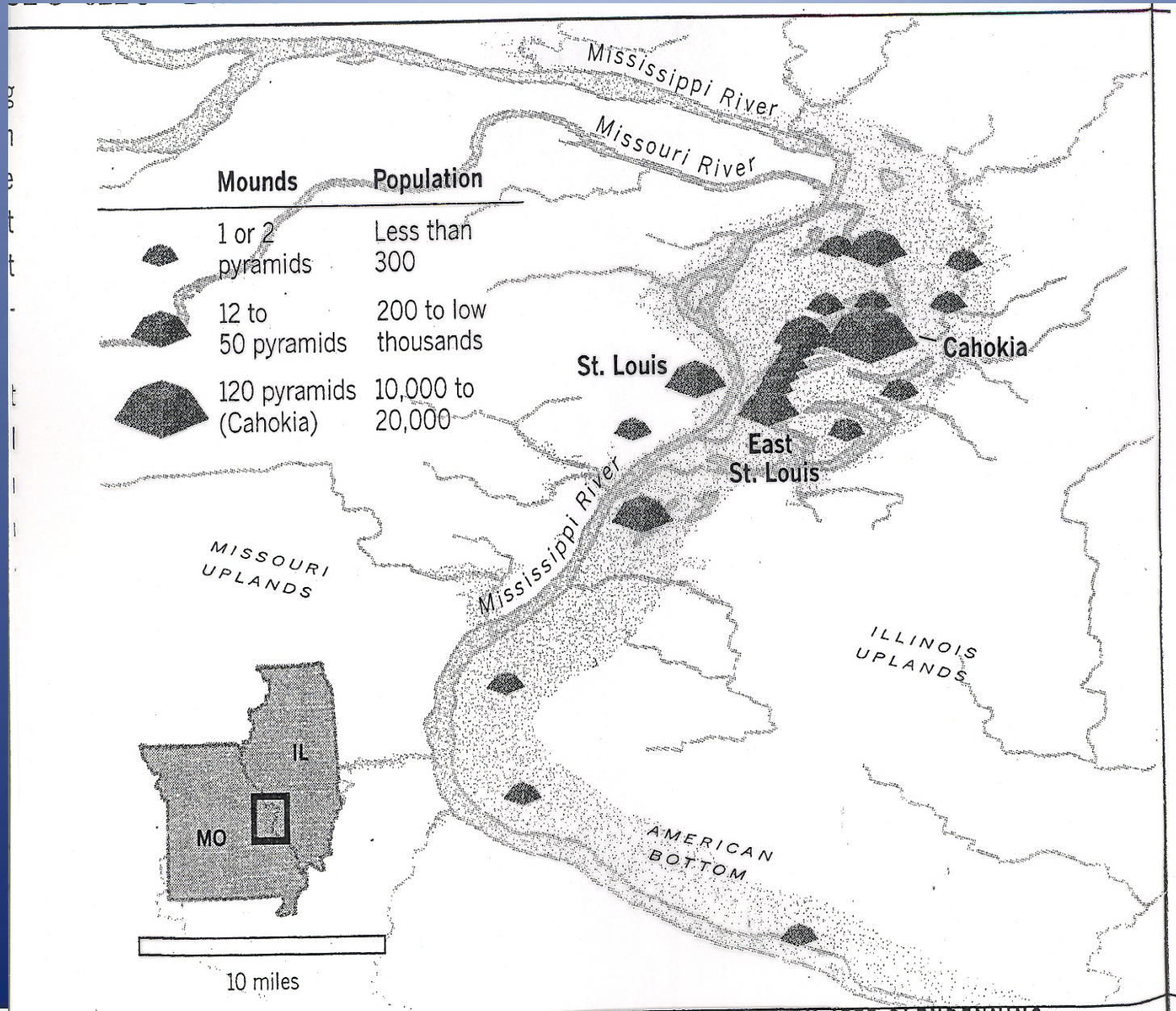
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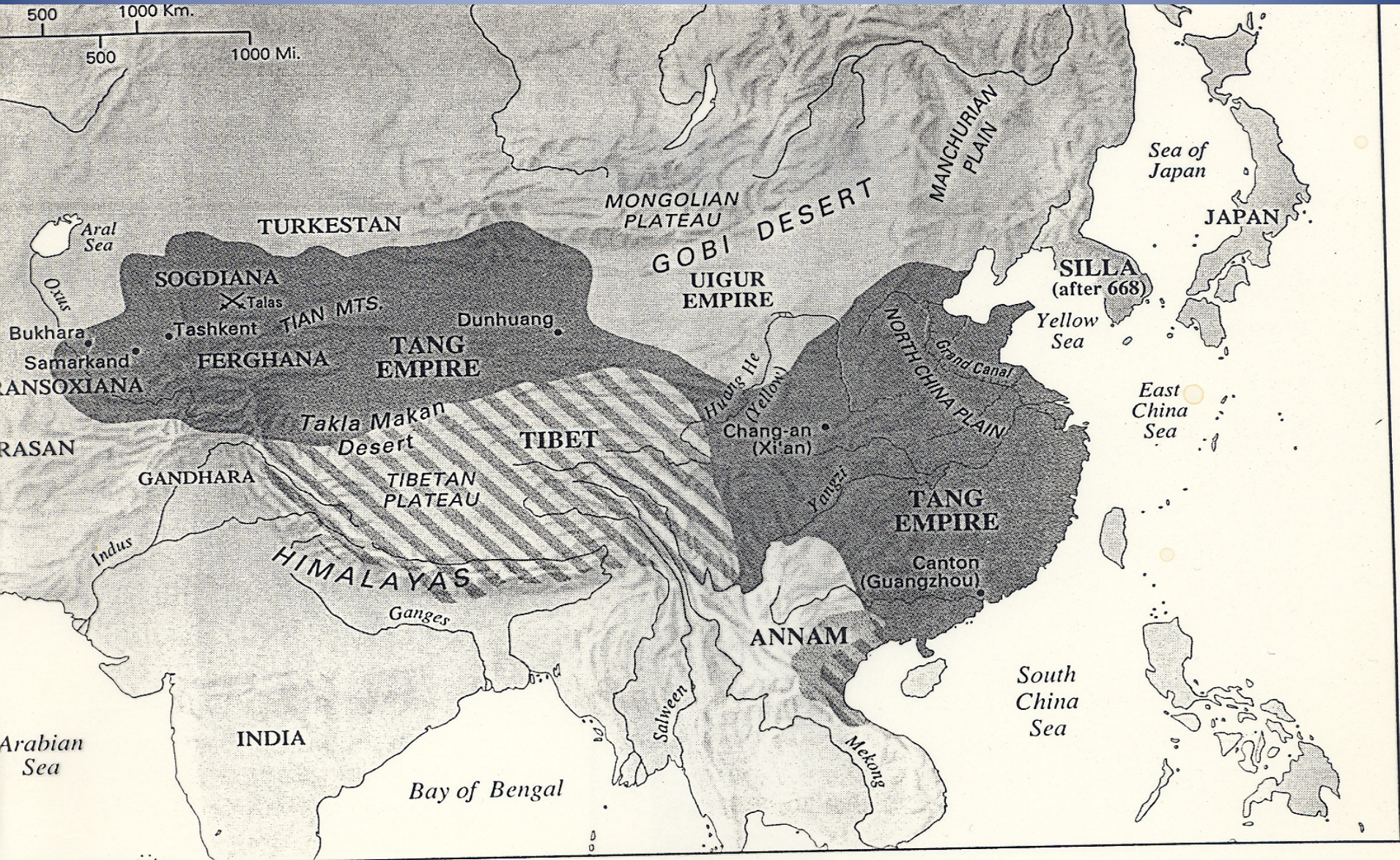
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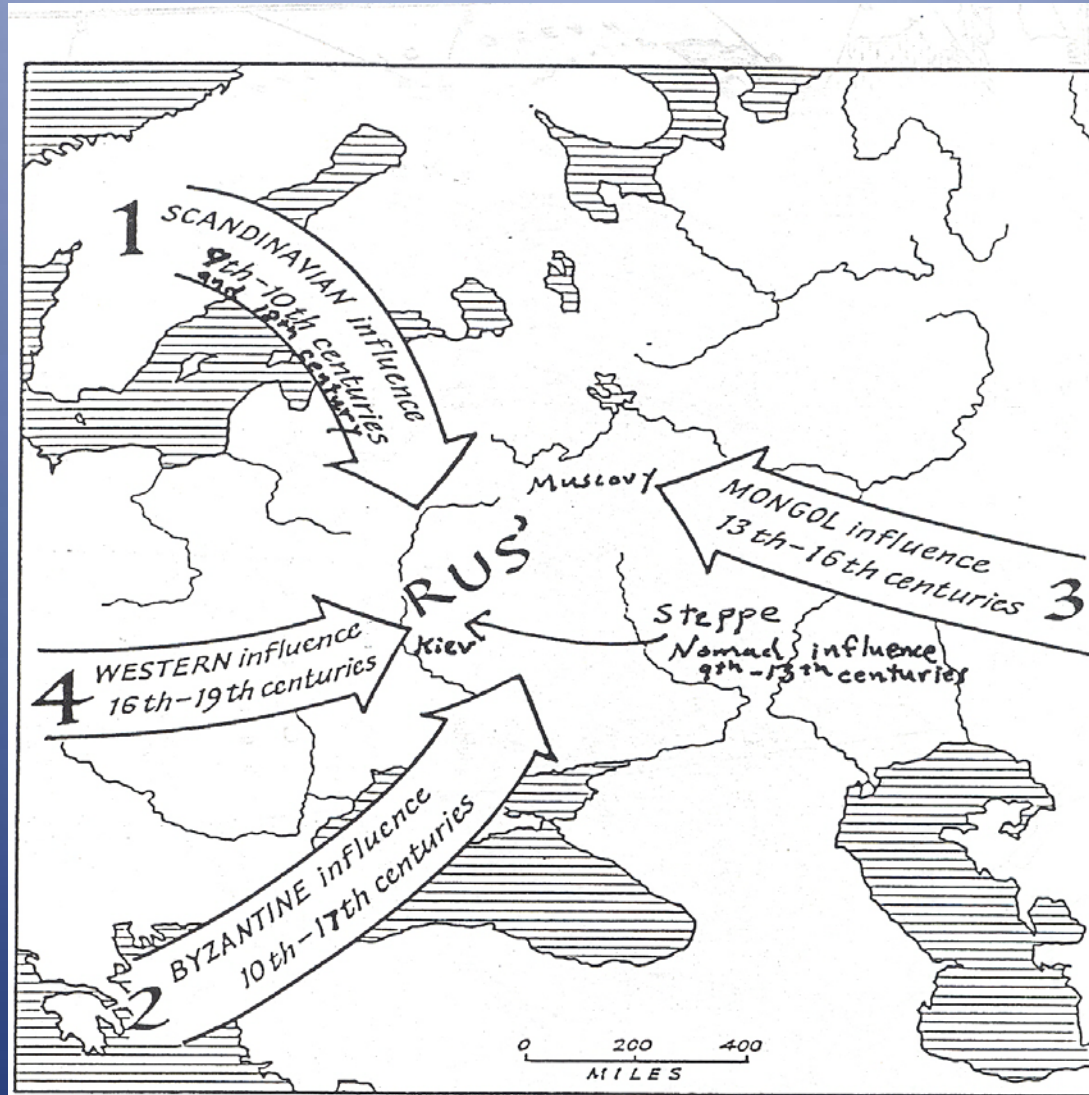
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