Geography and Its Effects on Civilizations

Directions: Using the “South Asia Notes” handout, annotate/highlight effects of geographic features on life (start of empire, expansion of empire, and decline of empire) in the different empires and listed below. Then, use the information you’ve found, to check off if a type of geography feature affected a certain part of the empire. Place the check mark, short statement, and paragraph number you found the info in (evidence). See my example for guidance.

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|  | | | **Geographic Features**  Mountains Rivers Fertile Land Plains or Deserts | | | |
| **Civilizations/Empires** | **Indus River Valley:**  **Harappan Civilization** | Creation/Emergence: |  |  |  |  |
| Expansion: |  | (paragraph 3)  -water access/irrigation  helped increase agriculture |  |  |
| Invasion/Decline: |  |  |  |  |
| **The Aryan Empire** | Creation/Emergence: |  |  |  |  |
| Expansion: |  |  |  |  |
| Invasion/Decline: |  |  |  |  |
| **Maurya Empire** | Creation/Emergence: |  |  |  |  |
| Expansion: |  |  |  |  |
| Invasion/Decline: |  |  |  |  |

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|  | | | **Geographic Features**  Mountains Rivers Fertile Land Plains or Deserts | | | |
| **Civilizations/Empires** | **Muslim Empire** | Creation/Emergence: |  |  |  |  |
| Expansion: |  |  |  |  |
| Invasion/Decline: |  |  |  |  |
| **Gupta Empire** | Creation/Emergence: |  |  |  |  |
| Expansion: |  |  |  |  |
| Invasion/Decline: |  |  |  |  |
| **Mongol Empire** | Creation/Emergence: |  |  |  |  |
| Expansion: |  |  |  |  |
| Invasion/Decline: |  |  |  |  |
| **Mughal Empire** | Creation/Emergence: |  |  |  |  |
| Expansion: |  |  |  |  |
| Invasion/Decline: |  |  |  |  |