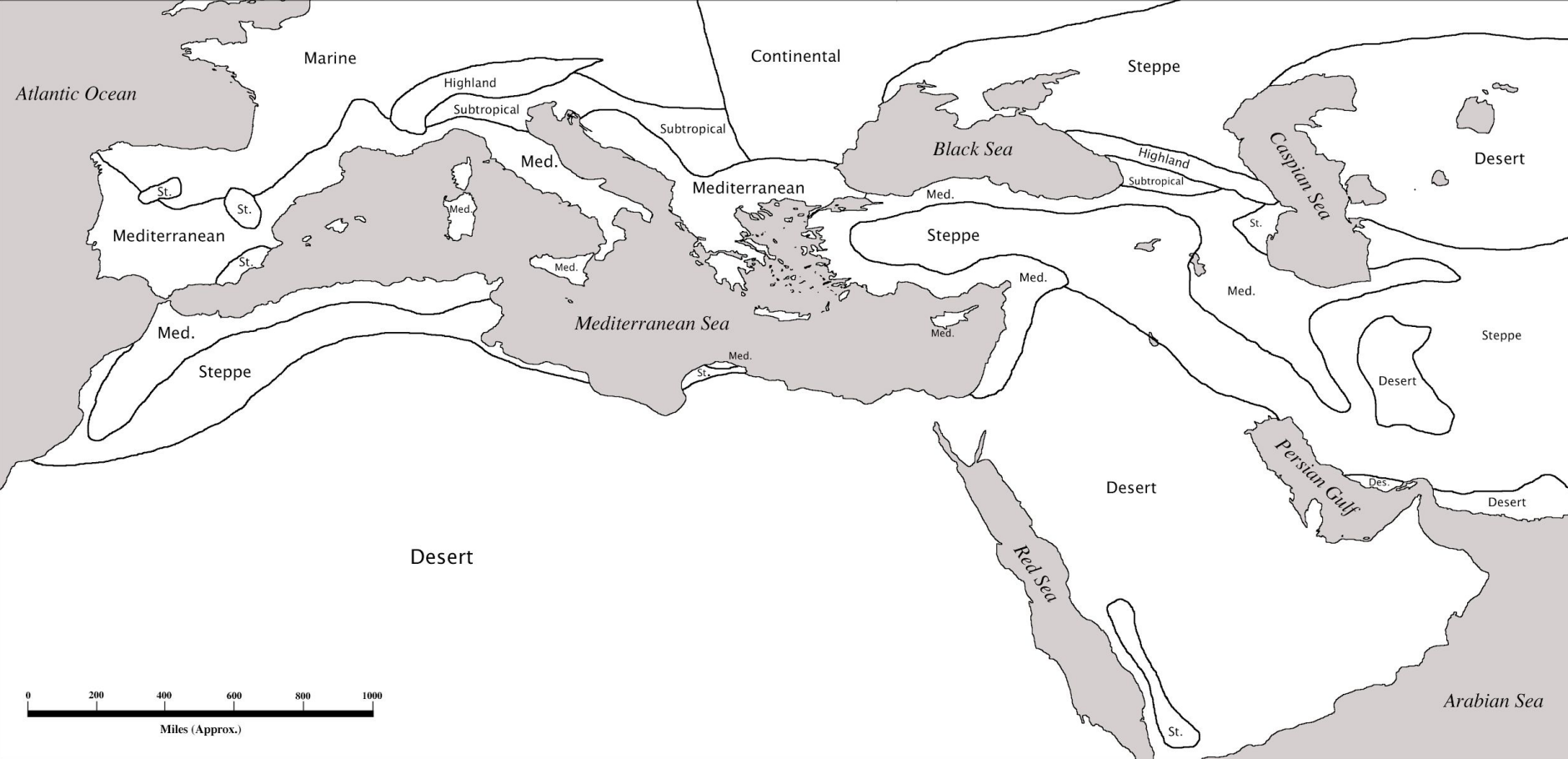
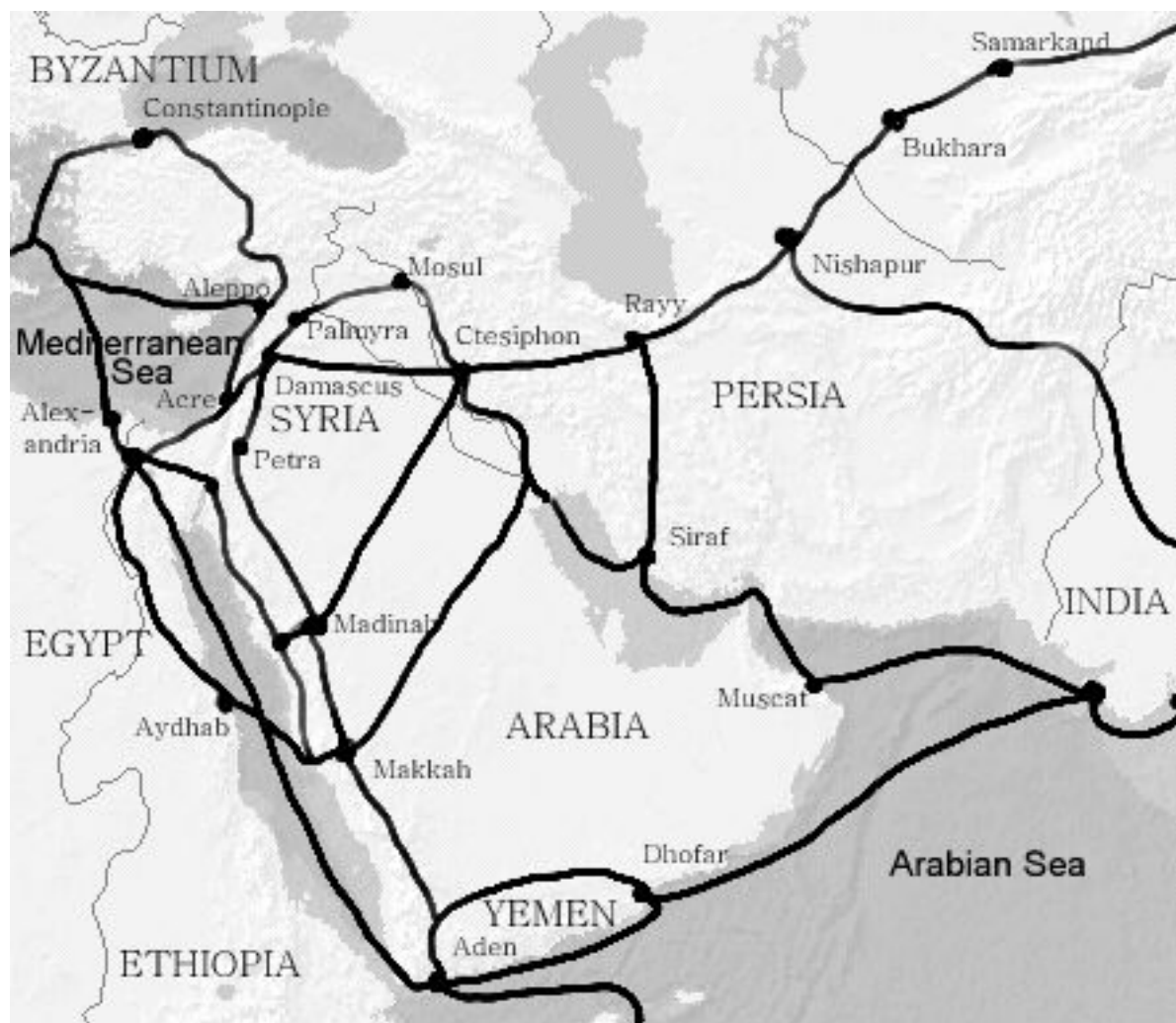


**7.3 Identify the physical location and features and the climate of the Arabian Peninsula, its relationship to surrounding bodies of land and water, including Northern Africa, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, Caspian Sea, Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, Nile River**



# The Arabian Peninsula

- Very harsh desert environment. Very little water
- The people there become very fierce as they compete for scarce resources like water
- Villages grow up around an oasis--places where water naturally comes up out of the ground
- Villages along trade routes between Africa, Asia, and Europe grow and prosper



# The Arabian Peninsula

- Most people are nomadic shepherds called Bedouins
  - Bedouins are polytheistic
- Bedouin people are often called Arabs, especially after they cease being nomadic
- According to legend, the ancestor of the Arabs is Ishmael, Abraham's illegitimate son by his wife's slave
- Arabs therefore claim the same origins as the Hebrews