CLASSICAL GEOGRAPHY

PLACE
ANCIENTS: Egypt, Mesopatamia,
China, Babylonia, Indus Valley,
Americas

Oldest known maps GREECE
(3800 BC, clay tablets)

Domestication of animals Descriptive writing, Systematic study
Development of technology
Navigational skills ROME
Trade

Exploration, Mapping, Inventories

CHINA

Travel, Mapping, Inventories, Natural processes

ARABIA

Preservation of the works of Greeks and Romans
Exploration, Record keeping, Research

SCANDINAVIA

Exploration of Northern Lands
(N.Eur., Iceland, Greenland, N.Am.)

RENAISSANCE EUROPE

Great Explorations, Scholarship, Earth Sciences

TIME (in 500 yr intervals) BC - AD (in 100 yr intervals)

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The WORLD of HOMER
EIGHTH CENTURY B.C.
Homer probably lived during the eighth century B.C. either in Chios or Smyrna. His Poetry reflected geographical concepts of his day and influenced man's mind for centuries. Homeric Greeks feared the sea and their shipping was mostly coastwise. Their world was a round, flat disk and the heavens a dome supported by Atlas.

The WORLD of HERODOTUS
FIFTH CENTURY B.C.
Herodotus was born at Halicarnassus in 484 B.C. He traveled extensively and accumulated a vast amount of historical and geographical material. He belonged to the Pythagorean school credited by most scholars with originating the concept of a spherical earth, but his works suggest a flat world.

2700 yrs ago

2400 yrs ago
2600 yrs ago

FIRST CENTURY A.D.

THE WORLD OF STRABO

Strabo was born at Amasra in Asia Minor about 64 B.C. His work 200 B.C.

Eratosthenes' map of the known world, constructed about 220 B.C.

The World

1st Century B.C.
New World by Munster (1548-58?)