

Europe



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What do the three capital cities' location have in common?

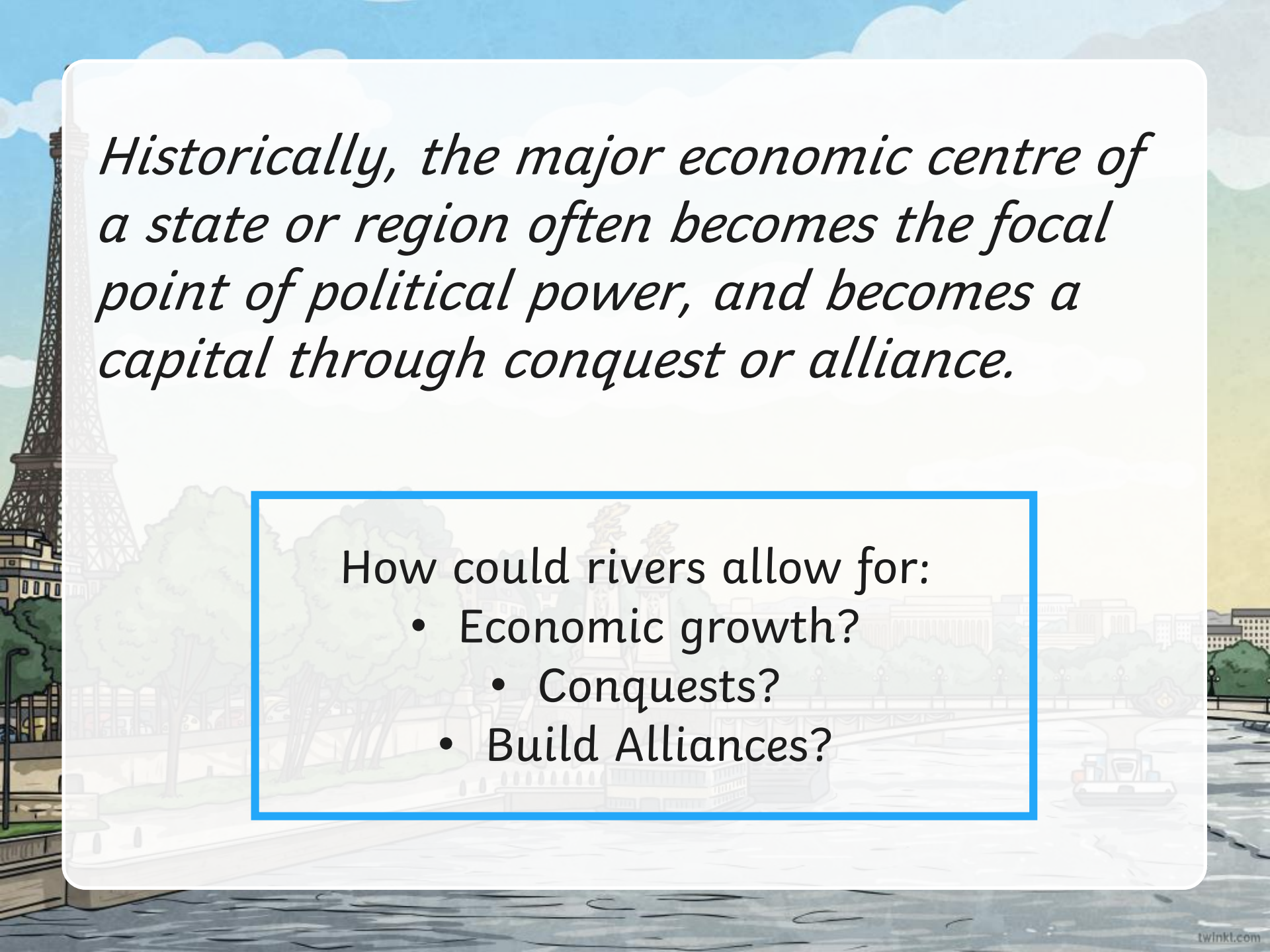


Near a River



Why is it important that a capital city is near a river?

Most of the world's major cities were built on or around areas of freshwater. Our ancestors chose to settle near these areas as rivers were a means of supplying drinking water for their families and beasts, as a food supply, used for irrigating crops and as a means of transport in order to aid commerce.



Historically, the major economic centre of a state or region often becomes the focal point of political power, and becomes a capital through conquest or alliance.

How could rivers allow for:

- Economic growth?
 - Conquests?
 - Build Alliances?

European Rivers

The river which flows through the most capital cities is Europe's *River Danube*, which runs through:

- **Belgrade**, capital of Serbia,
- **Bratislava** the capital of Slovakia,
- **Budapest** which is the capital of Hungary
- **Vienna** the capital of Austria.



I can use maps and atlas' to find physical features of geography.

Using maps and/or atlas' (online or hardcopy), fill in the table with the name of the capital city and the river or ocean that is nearby the capital city.

Country	Capital City	River/ Ocean	Country	Capital City	River/ Ocean
France			Greece		
England			Hungary		
Italy			Netherlands		