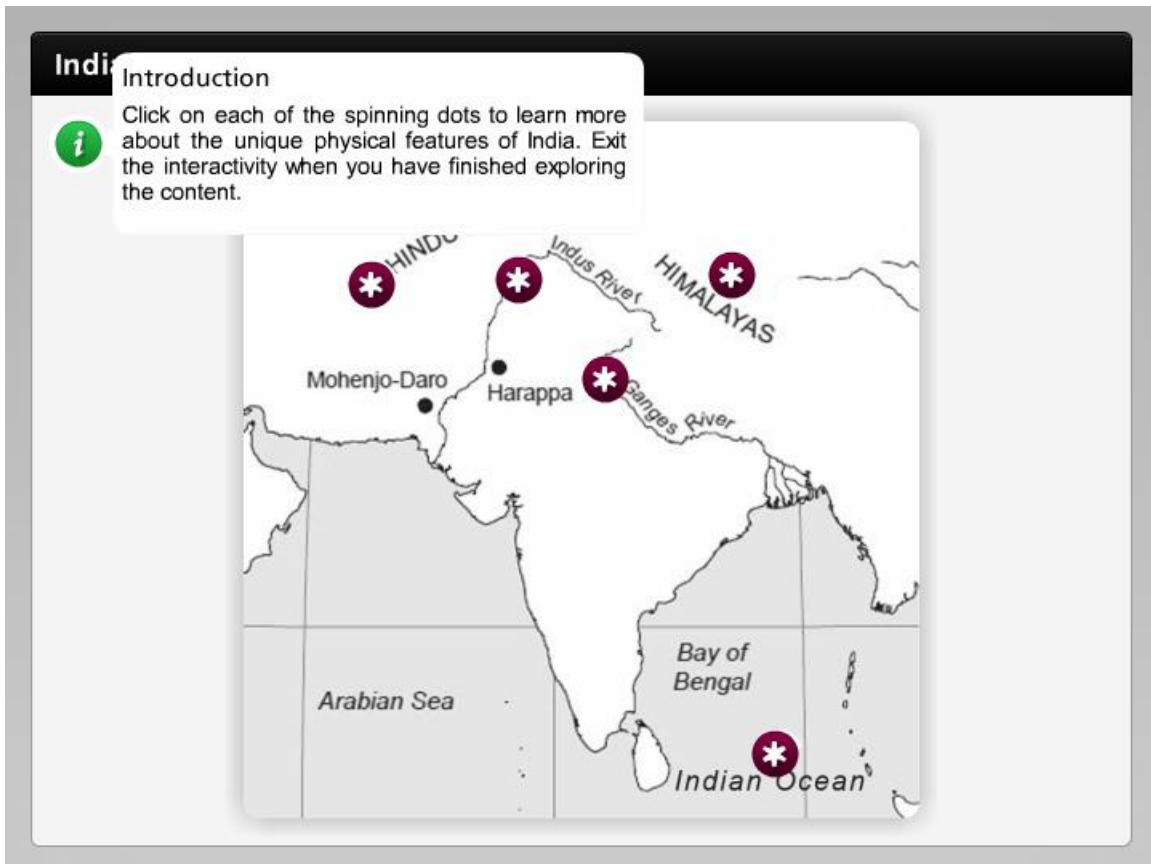


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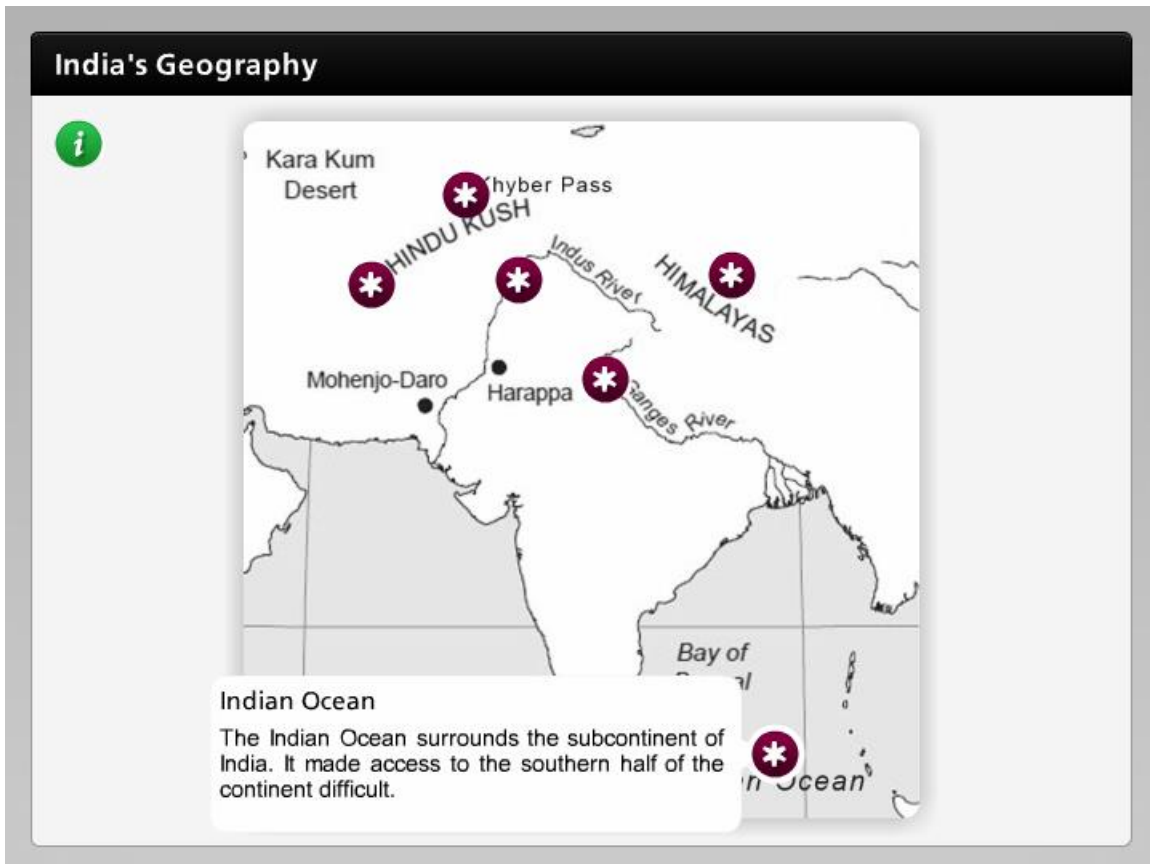


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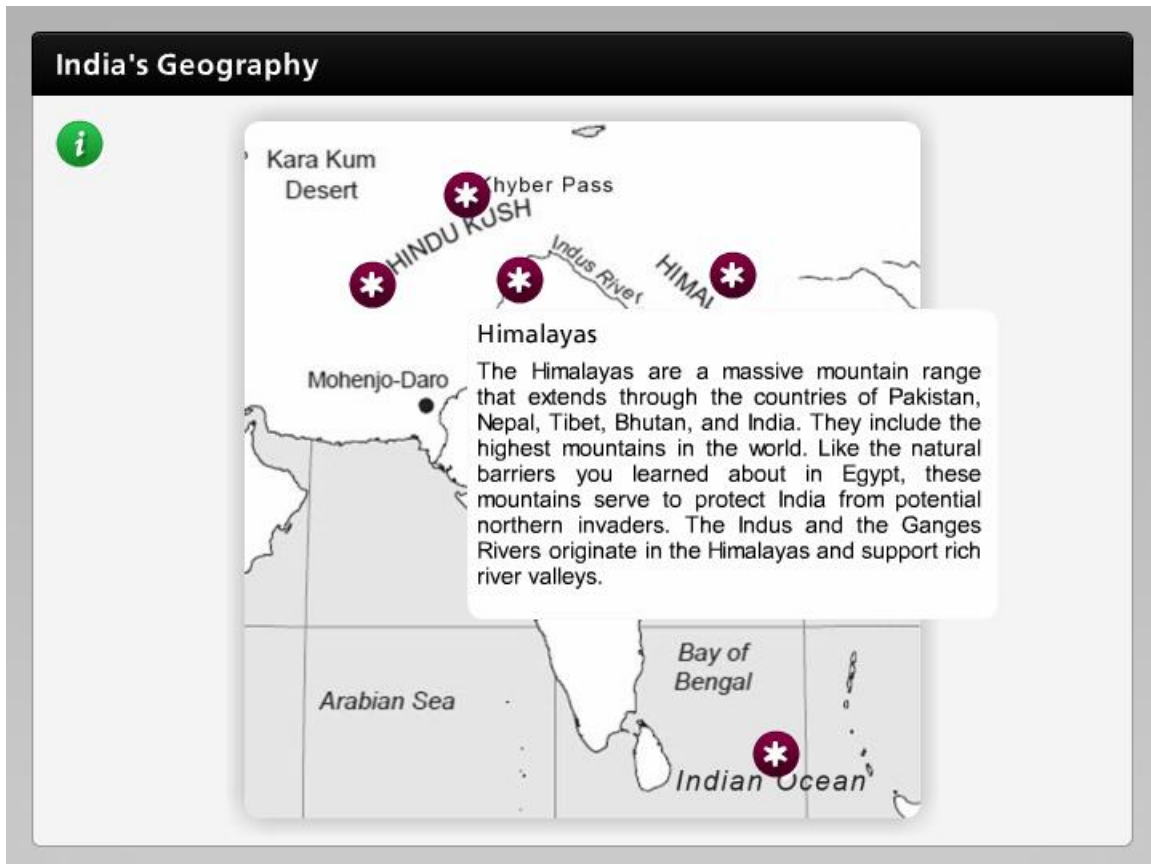


The Indian Ocean surrounds the subcontinent of India. It made access to the southern half of the continent difficult.

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Himalayas

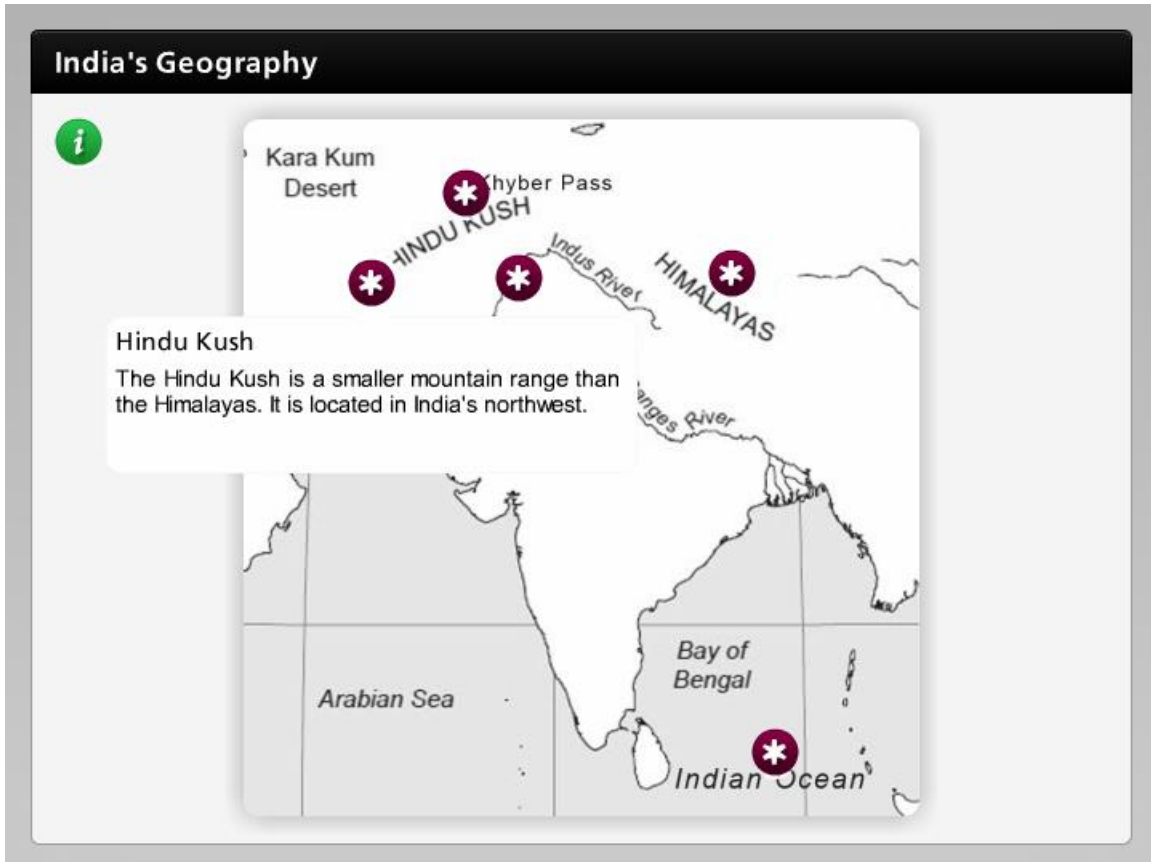


The Himalayas are a massive mountain range that extends through the countries of Pakistan, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, and India. They include the highest mountains in the world. Like the natural barriers you learned about in Egypt, these mountains serve to protect India from potential northern invaders. The Indus and the Ganges Rivers originate in the Himalayas and support rich river valleys.

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Hindu Kush

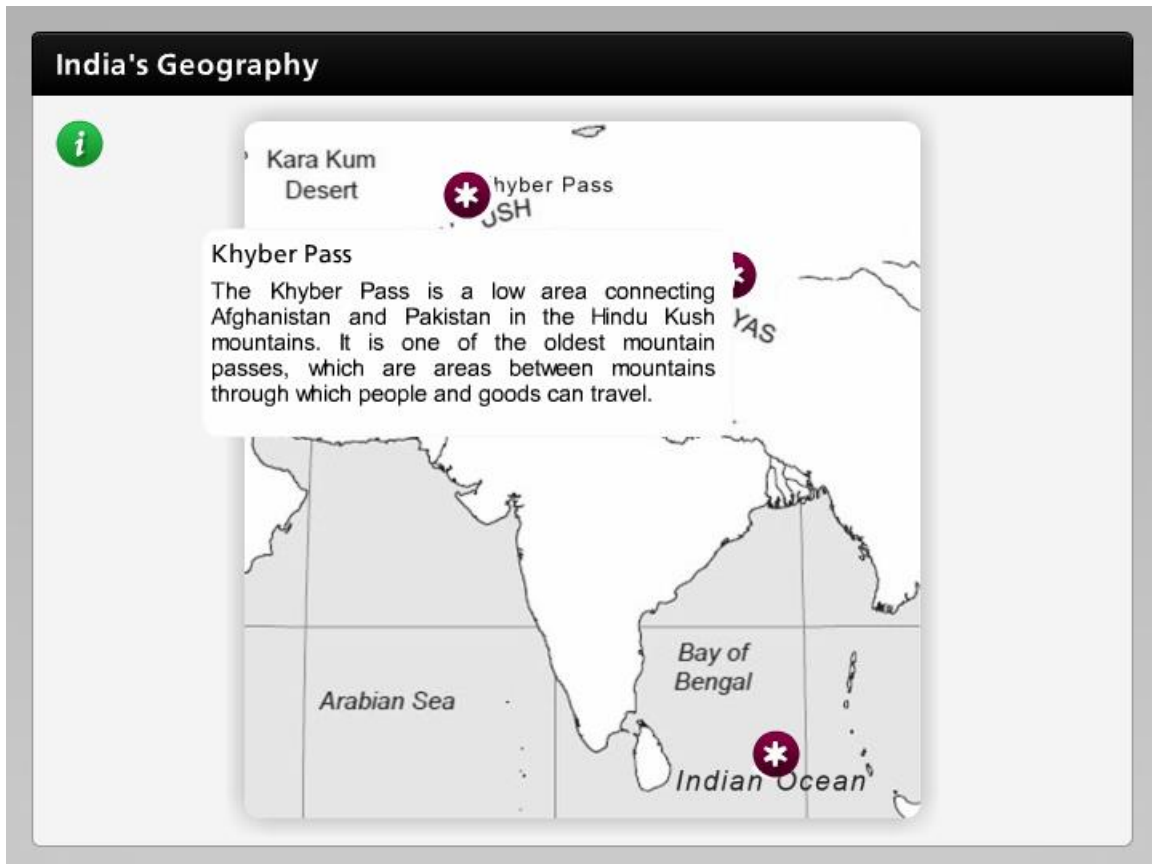


The Hindu Kush is a smaller mountain range than the Himalayas. It is located in India's northwest.

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Khyber Pass

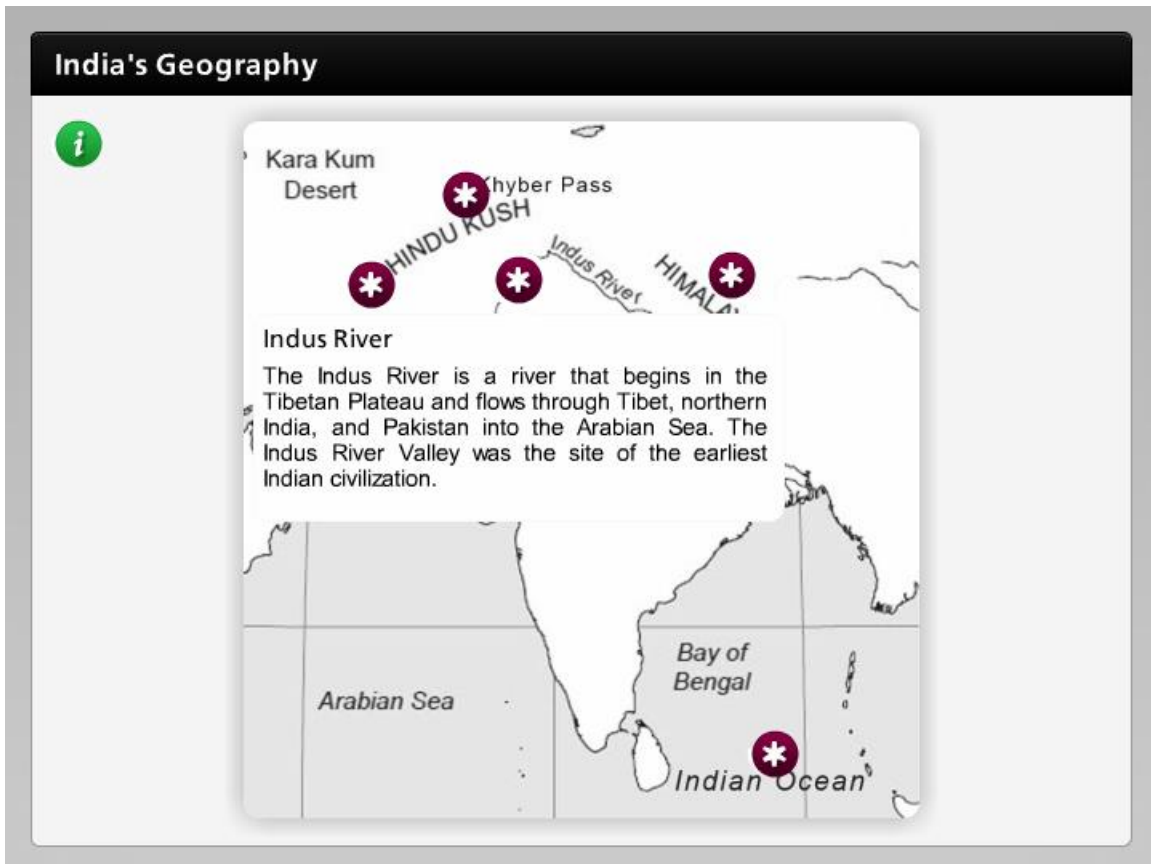


The Khyber Pass is a low area connecting Afghanistan and Pakistan in the Hindu Kush mountains. It is one of the oldest mountain passes, which are areas between mountains through which people and goods can travel.

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Indus River

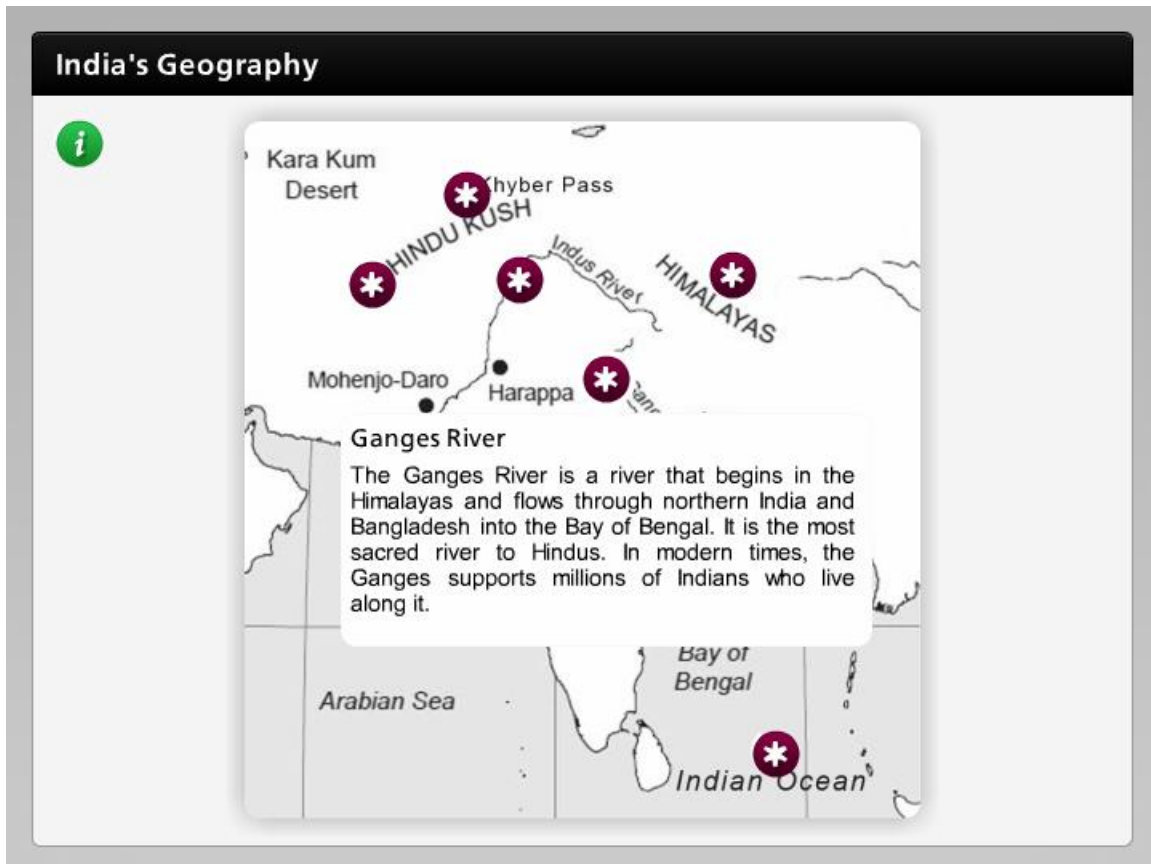


The Indus River is a river that begins in the Tibetan Plateau and flows through Tibet, northern India, and Pakistan into the Arabian Sea. The Indus River Valley was the site of the earliest Indian civilization.

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Ganges River



The Ganges River is a river that begins in the Himalayas and flows through northern India and Bangladesh into the Bay of Bengal. It is the most sacred river to Hindus. In modern times, the Ganges supports millions of Indians who live along it.