



# EXPLORING SARAZM, TAJIKISTAN

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A 3D rendered scene of a dark, narrow hallway. The walls and floor are covered with numerous question marks of varying sizes and orientations, creating a sense of depth and mystery. At the end of the hallway, a bright, glowing light source illuminates the scene, casting long shadows and highlighting the texture of the question marks. The overall atmosphere is one of inquiry and exploration.

# What is Civilization?

# WHERE IS TAJIKISTAN?



# GEOGRAPHY OF CENTRAL ASIA





# HOW DOES GEOGRAPHY INFLUENCE SETTLEMENT?



# Sarazm, Tajikistan

Based on geography,  
why would Sarazm be  
a good location for an  
ancient city?



# What is Sarazm?

- The settlement remains at the Sarazm site date back nearly 6000 years:
- Sarazm, which means “where the land begins,” is an archaeological site dating from 4000 BCE to 2000 BCE
- The ruins demonstrate the early development of proto-urbanization in this region.
- This center of settlement, one of the oldest in Central Asia, is situated between a mountainous region suitable for cattle rearing by nomadic pastoralists, and a large valley conducive to the development of agriculture and irrigation by the first settled populations in the region.
- Sarazm also demonstrates the existence of commercial and cultural exchanges and trade relations with peoples over an extensive geographical area, extending from the steppes of Central Asia and Turkmenistan, to the Iranian plateau, the Indus valley and as far as the Indian Ocean.
- Source: [Tajikculture.org](http://Tajikculture.org)





# Exploring Sarazm

- You are going to go on a 3D Tour of the ancient site of Sarazm. Much of the tour was created by Dr. Bobomullo Bobomulloev
- There is an interview with Dr. Bobomullo Bobomulloev and also a 3D tour to explore as you investigate the features of civilization present in Sarazm.
- As you explore, keep track of the information you learn in your chart. Each section has information that can be found on the website: <https://sarazm-preview-en.tajikculture.org/>

