Empires, Colonies, Nations (5000 B.C.–A.D. 2000)

Directions: Use your textbook and the information on the next page to create two time lines about the empires, colonies, and nations of North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia.

Early Empires

Colonies Become Nations
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Directions: Use your textbook to fill in the dates below. Then transpose this information onto the two time lines on the previous page.

**Early Empires**

1. _______ Farm villages develop along the Nile River in Egypt.
2. _______ People begin settling the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.
3. _______ Egypt becomes united under a single ruler.
4. _______ Region of Sumer has many city-states.
5. _______ Abraham moves to Canaan.
6. _______ Phoenicians trade across the Mediterranean Sea.
7. _______ Israelite kingdom splits into Israel and Judah.
8. _______ Persian Empire arises in and around Iran.
9. _______ Jesus preaches throughout Israel.
10. _______ Muhammad is born in Saudi Arabia.
11. _______ Arabs gain control of North Africa and Southwest Asia.
12. _______ Baghdad (Iraq) is the center of the Arab Empire.
13. _______ Ottoman Empire begins.

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14. _______ Ottoman Empire falls.
15. _______ The Saud family establishes a monarchy in Saudi Arabia.
16. _______ Iraq becomes an independent kingdom.
17. _______ Lebanon gains independence.
18. _______ Syria and Jordan become independent.
19. _______ Israel is founded.
20. _______ Libya becomes independent.
21. _______ Egypt becomes independent from Britain.
22. _______ Tunisia and Morocco gain independence from France.
23. _______ Algeria gains independence from France.
24. _______ Iran becomes an Islamic republic.
25. _______ Soviet Union breaks up. Central Asia republics become independent.

26. **Identifying** Which countries in Central Asia formed after the fall of the Soviet Union?