

Political-Economic Geography And Map Making

For Speculative Worlds

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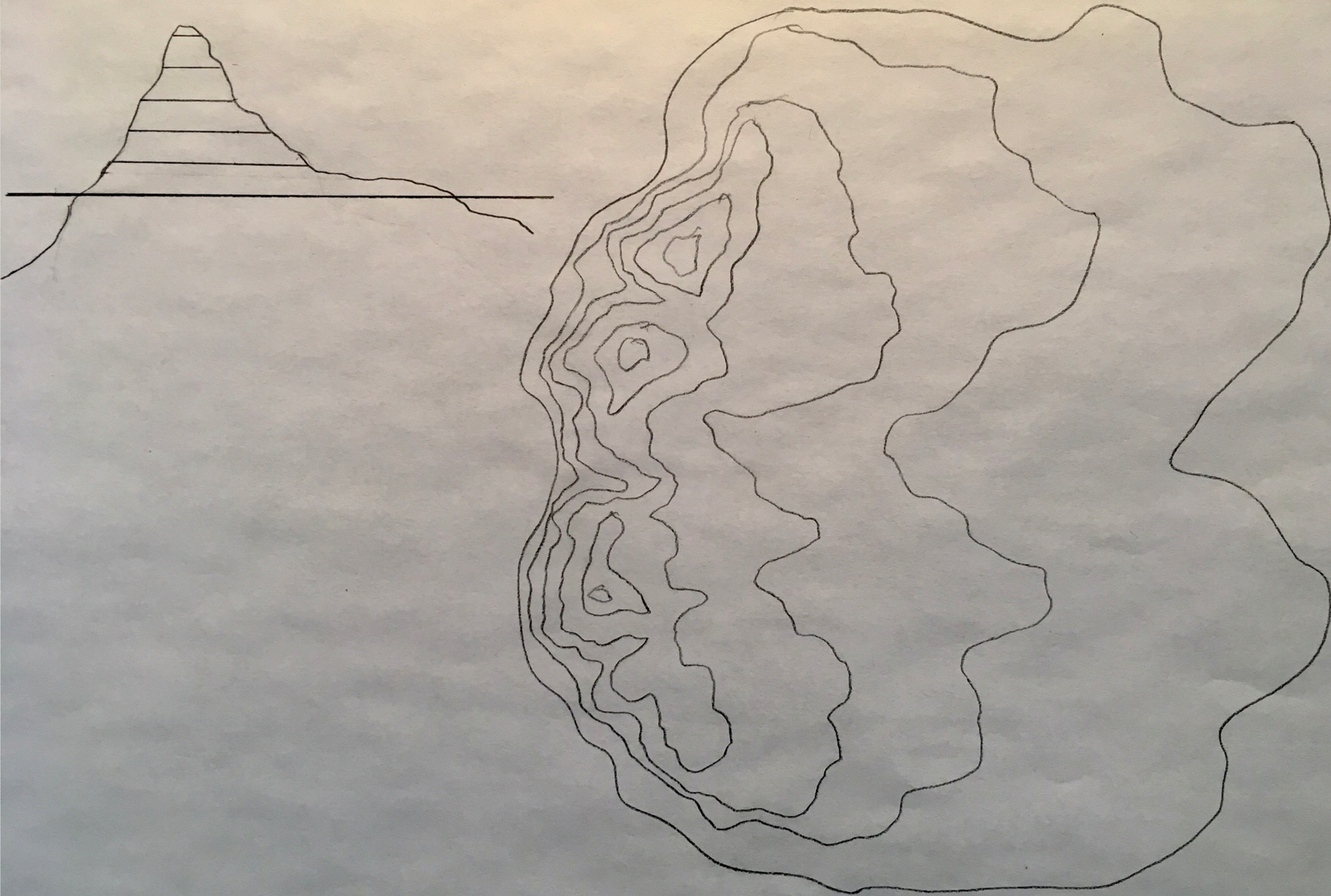
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Plate Tectonics

Mountains, Altitude

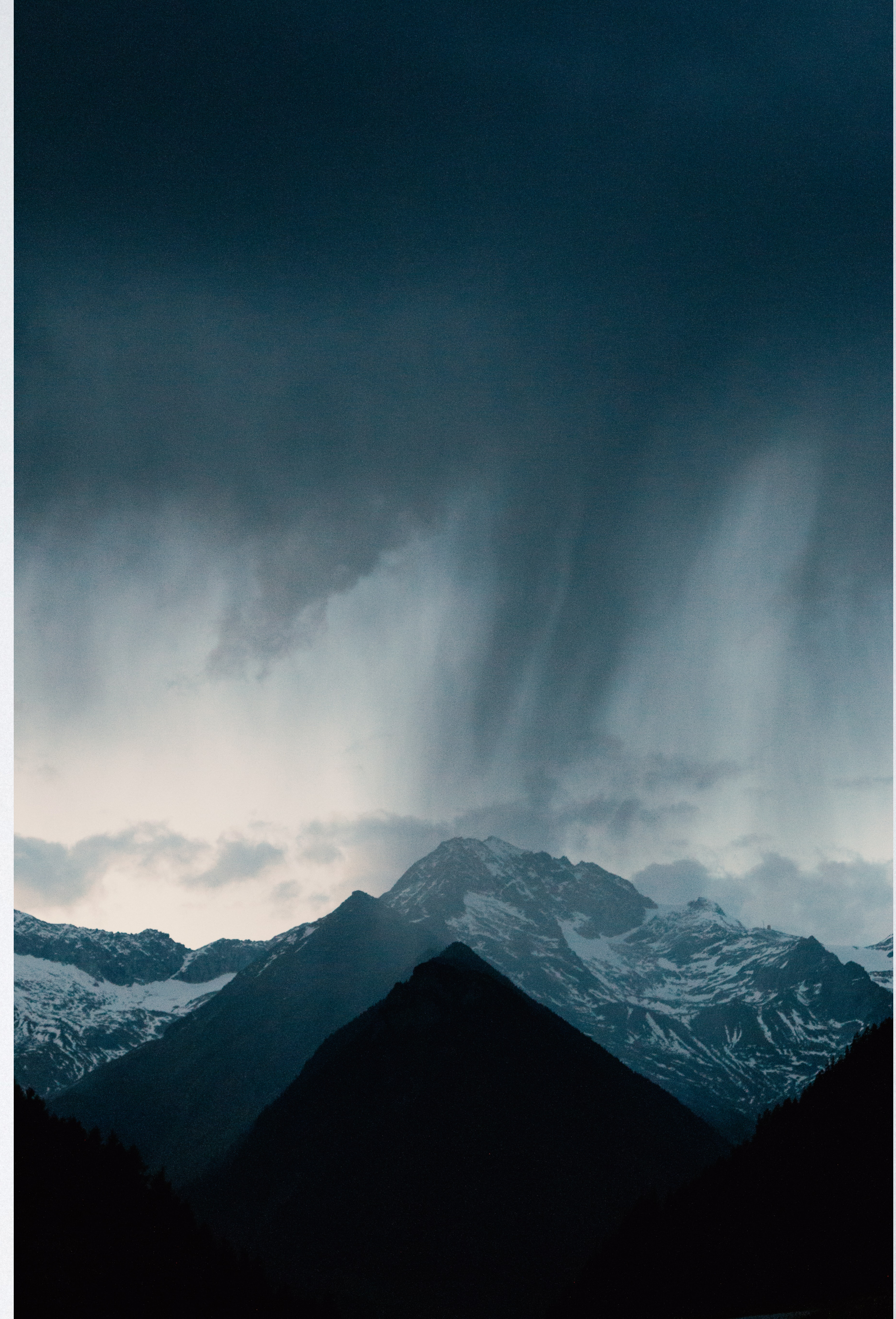
Plateaus,
Lowlands, Hanging
Valleys

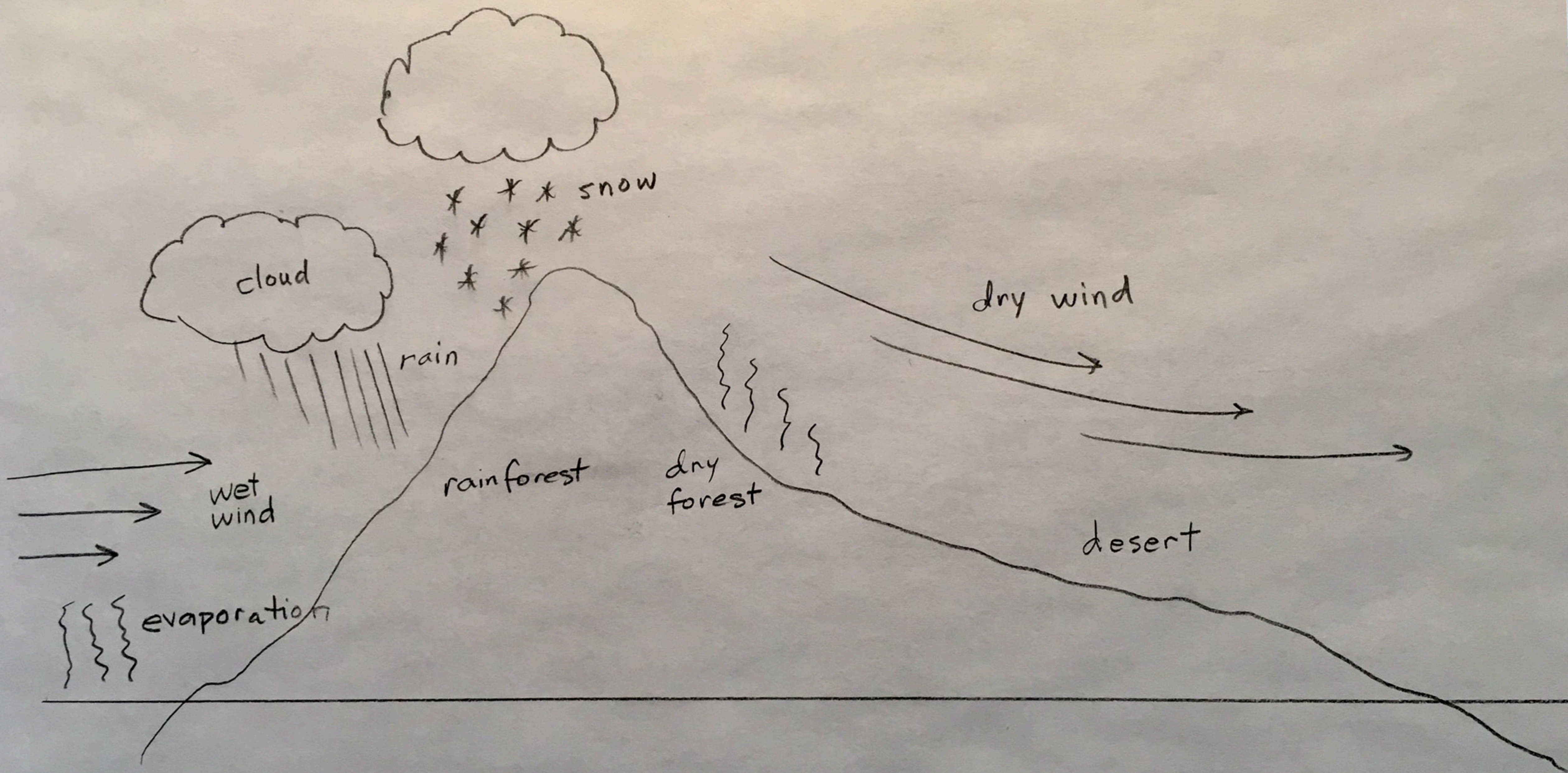
Mining
Smelting



Prevailing winds
Rainshadows
Deserts

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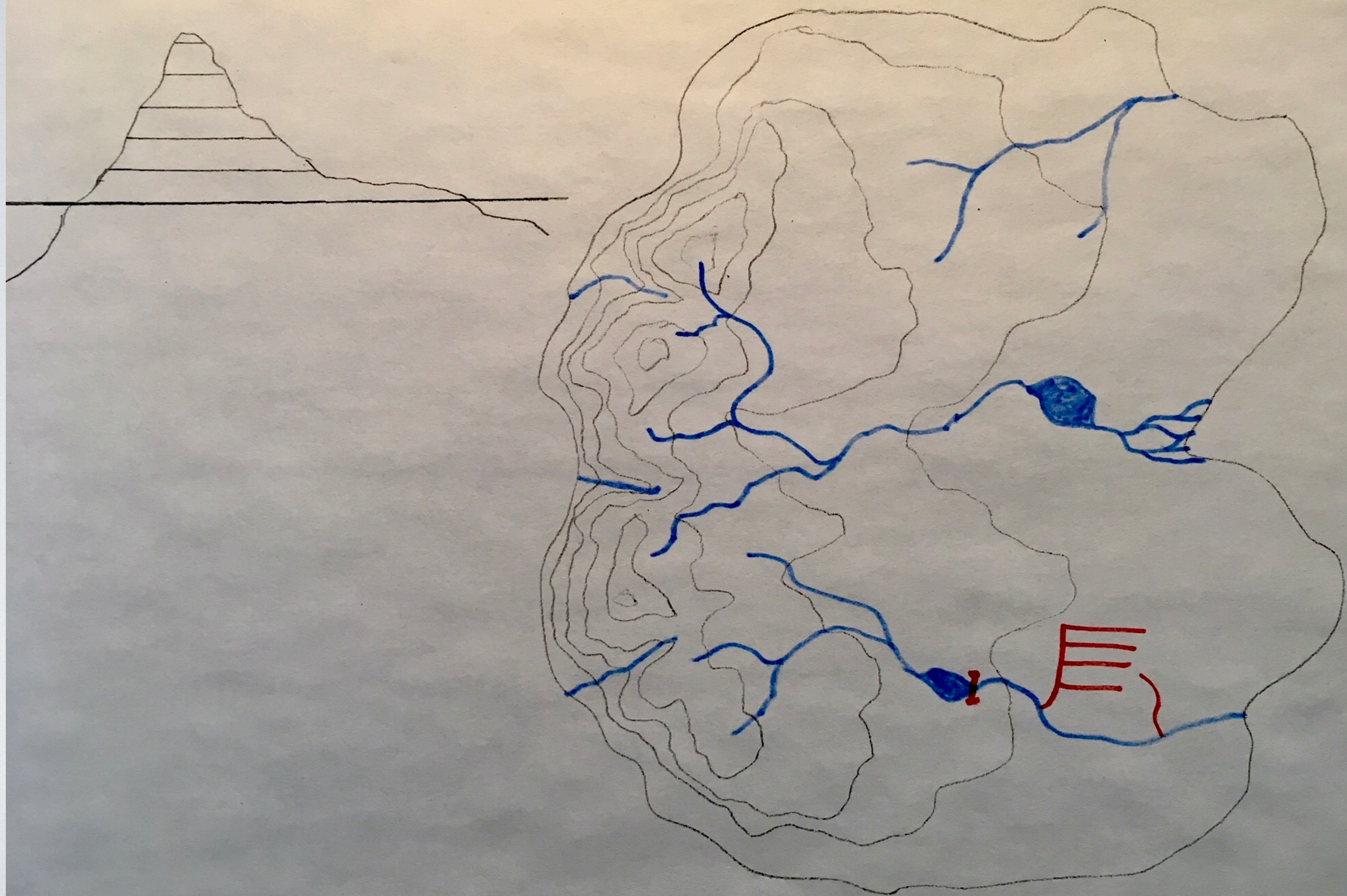




Water always runs downhill



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Rivers meander...



Deltas
Lakes on Flat Areas

Dams
Irrigation
Terracing

Plains
Crops (eg: grains)

Valley
heat
allows
fruit
growing



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Crops allow settlement near resources (water, farmland, mines) and transport (water, goat trails)



Surplus

Class systems

(ruling, educated, arts, inventors)

The need for increasing resources for sustainability:

- women (babies)
- trade
- war

Lumber, paper: accounting and record keeping



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Architecture based on available materials
Engineering needs books
(man's memory is not enough)

MULTIPLE CULTURAL GROUPS OCCUPY A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS



RESOURCES LEAD TO CULTURE

City Country	Resource	Geo- graphy Flora Fauna	Agri- culture Food	Cooking	Clothing	Magic Drugs Medicine
Coldridge Teshe	Lumber Wool charcoal, fur trapping	Craggy hills, boreal forest, softwood,	Barley, Wheat flat bread sheep, turnips,	Marinate, barbecue, pie, dried large central	Wool; fur; pride in simplicity, durability,	Whiskey, caffeine, oral magic tradition
Summer Bluff Elsen	Mining (silver, gold), metal work, coal,	High hills, boreal forest, deer, wolves,	Oats, porridge, spinach beets, onion	Marinate, barbecue, boil, steam, large central	Wool, simple, unassuming	Whiskey, Fragmented collections of spell
Highglen Gramarye	Leather, stone, yak wool, fur trapping,	High mountains, alpine, scrub,	Hay, red rice sorrel nuts eggs lentils, Yak	Rice-soup/ stew, dried, salted, small bowls and	Leather, yak wool, fur, layers, cloaks, high	Rice beer, rice wine; jovial community



Trade/war:

roads,
weapons/
defense

(arms race)



Social Change

HOW BIG IS YOUR WORLD?

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