

Empires of the world in 1492

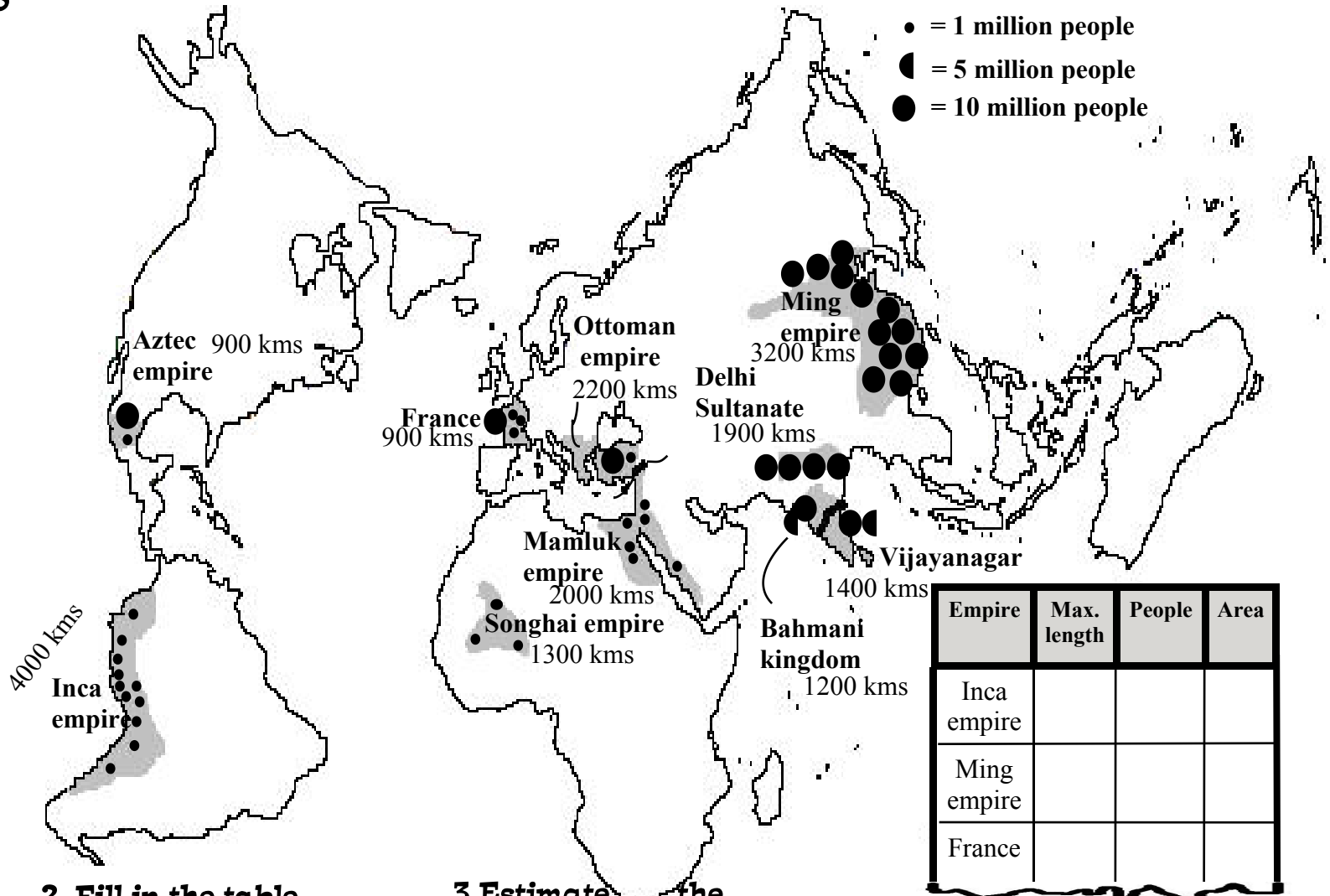
Which empire was the greatest?

This map of the world shows 10 powerful states.

Some of this information is accurate, and some of it historians just had to guess.

Areas are shown quite well on this map, so you can compare the sizes of the different states. The *maximum length* of each state is written on the map.

The *estimated (or guessed) population* of each state is shown with dots.



| Empire | Max. length | People | Area |
|-------------|-------------|--------|------|
| Inca empire | | | |
| Ming empire | | | |
| France | | | |

1 Draw a table like the one opposite, but with all 11 rows.

2 Fill in the table, using the map to get the *maximum length* and the *population* figures.

3 Estimate the state with the *largest area* and enter that as 1 (i.e. first) and the one with the *smallest area* as 10, and so on.

4 Which empire do you now think was the **greatest** and why?