Aurignacian Settlement Patterns in the Vézère Valley


"The Périgord lies between the Massif Central highlands to the east and the Atlantic coastal plain to the west." p. 712
rivers “cut downward into the underlying limestone as they flow westward toward the coastal plain and Atlantic coast” p. 712

Three major landforms present: river valleys, adjacent cliff and interfluvial upland slopes, plateaus

"Site location is ultimately a human choice to fulfill subsistence and other needs in response to natural and cultural variables. Site geography, solar orientation, and other influences on the microenvironment may have had considerable impact upon season potential, subsistence activities, and group movement" p. 714

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