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# Asia

## *Physical and Political Characteristics*

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1. Turn to the Continents and Oceans map on page 5. It shows where Asia is in the world. Use it to fill in the table below.

Description	Name
Continent west of Asia	
Continent southwest of Asia	
Continent southeast of Asia	
Ocean north of Asia	
Ocean east of Asia	
Ocean south of Asia	

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2. Use the physical map of Asia on pages 76 and 77 to answer the following questions.

- a. Asia is home to the world's highest mountain range, the Himalayas. These mountains and others frame a cold and dry plateau. Name it. \_\_\_\_\_

- b. What is the plateau's highest elevation range in feet? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Now complete this paragraph about China's rivers.

China's two major rivers pass through the North China Plain. The \_\_\_\_\_, or "Yellow River," deposits rich yellowish soil on the plain. The Yangtze River is a major transportation route inland from the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea. The two rivers are connected by the \_\_\_\_\_ Canal.

4. Northwest of the North China Plain is the Gobi. Look up *Gobi* in the atlas Index. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Open your atlas to the inside front cover. Look at the information under the heading Highest and Lowest Elevations.

- a. Which continent has the highest mountain peak? \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Name the peak and its elevation in feet. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Now turn to the political map on pages 78 and 79. Write the name of the country after each description.
  - a. northernmost country in Asia \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. southernmost country in Asia \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. S-shaped country on the South China Sea \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. landlocked country between China and Russia \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. country bordered by the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea \_\_\_\_\_
7. Complete the table below with the capital cities for the countries listed.

Country	Capital City
Saudi Arabia	
Iran	
India	
Thailand	
Indonesia	
Japan	
China	

8. Find the Arabian Peninsula on the physical map on pages 76 and 77. Name the largest country on this peninsula. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Find Pakistan on the political map. A river flows southwest through the country. It supplies a vast irrigation system. Name the river. \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ 10. Compare the physical and political maps.
  - a. Are there mountains in Indonesia? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Mt. Pinatubo is the tallest peak in the Philippines. How tall is it in meters?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. About how tall is Mt. Pinatubo in feet? (Hint: There are about 3 feet in a meter.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Name the desert in northwest India. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Which Asian country includes most of the world's highest mountain range? \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Rainfall and Vegetation*

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- Turn to page 82 and look at the Annual Rainfall map of Asia. Circle the region below that receives the most rainfall.

southeast

north

southwest

- Fill in the table below with the main amount of rainfall for each area named.

Place	Annual Rainfall (in inches)
Arabian Peninsula	
Indonesia	
Asian part of Russia	

- On page 82, there is a section about monsoons.

- What are monsoons? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- During what season is it drier in Southeast Asia? \_\_\_\_\_
- In the wet season, it rains nearly every day in Southeast Asia. What is this wet season? \_\_\_\_\_

- Look at the Natural Vegetation Map on page 81. Fill in the blanks below.

- Northernmost Asia is colored purple on the map. This is an area of \_\_\_\_\_.
- South of the tundra lies a broad expanse of \_\_\_\_\_ forest.
- The yellow band in the middle of the continent shows a \_\_\_\_\_ area.
- In the southeast, the natural vegetation is mostly \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ 5. In a rain forest, the annual rainfall is at least 100 inches. A rain forest consists of broadleaf trees. Compare the Annual Rainfall and Natural Vegetation maps. Circle the country below that could have a rain forest.

Russia

Iran

Thailand

- ▶ 6. Compare the photograph of the Himalayas on page 80 with the Natural Vegetation map key. Which category describes the photo? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Look at the cross section of Asia at the bottom of pages 80 and 81.
- On the right-hand side are two degrees of latitude. These degrees tell where the land section is in Asia. Name the degrees. \_\_\_\_\_
  - In this cross section you can see the Plateau of Tibet. Mountains also extend into Pakistan and Afghanistan at around 36°N. Use the physical map on pages 76 and 77 to name these mountains. \_\_\_\_\_
  - In the cross section, you can see a lowlands area in eastern China. Name this area. \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is strange about the way South Korea looks in this cross section? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. On page 81 is a photograph of Buddhist monks.
- Where was this photograph taken? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is the famous mountain peak nearby? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Study the Land Use map on page 83.
- What is the main land use on the plains of eastern China? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Much of Asia is colored blue. What does this color represent? \_\_\_\_\_
  - In India there are three main coastal areas of manufacturing and trade. Name a city at the center of one of them. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Study the Growing Season map on page 80. Write **T** for true or **F** for false in the blank next to each statement below.
- South of the Tropic of Cancer, most of Asia has a growing season that never ends. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Most of Japan has a growing season under 3 months. \_\_\_\_\_
  - In northern Russia, the tundra blooms 6 to 8 months out of the year. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Look at the photograph on page 83.
- What crop are the people tending? \_\_\_\_\_
  - The photograph was taken in northern India. Name the snow-capped mountains in the background. \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Where People Live*

### THE WORLD IN SPATIAL TERMS

- ▶ 1. Turn to the Asia Political map on pages 78 and 79. Look carefully at the locations of Turkey, Saudi Arabia, India, Thailand, Japan, China, and Russia. Try to make a mental map of these countries.
  - a. Close your atlas and label the seven countries on the map below.
  - b. Open your atlas and make corrections if you need to.



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2. Now use the population map on page 84 to complete the table below.

Place	People per Sq. Mile
Most of India	
Tokyo, Japan	
Most of Saudi Arabia	

▶ 3. Find your location on the United States population map on page 41. What is the population density of your region? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Circle the phrase that completes the sentence below.

The most densely populated parts of Asia are

in the center of the continent      in the north and west      in the south and east

5. India is the third-largest country in Asia.

a. Study the illustration called India's Size and Shape on page 84. Which is larger in area, India or the 48 States? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Read the question and answer next to the illustration. How much larger is India's population than that of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

▶ c. Based on the information in parts a and b, do you think India is more or less crowded than the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Mongolia is the country between Russia and China.

a. Find Mongolia on the population map. Is it one of the least crowded countries in Asia or one of the most crowded? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Study the circle graph on page 84. What percent of Mongolia's population lives in cities? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Many of China's people are farmers. Turn to the circle graph for China on page 86. What percent of the Chinese live in cities? \_\_\_\_\_

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▶ 8. Read the caption for the photograph of India on page 85. What percentage of India's people live in *urban* areas? \_\_\_\_\_

9. There is also a photograph of a Japanese city on page 85. Why do most Japanese live in cities? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## *China and Japan*

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- China takes up over one-fifth of Asia. Look at the circle graphs at the top of page 85.
  - What percentage of the *world's* land area is occupied by China? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What percentage of the world's population lives in China? \_\_\_\_\_
- Open your atlas to the inside front cover. Look at the list of the Largest Urban Areas.
  - How many Chinese cities appear on this list? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Name them. \_\_\_\_\_
- Now turn to the Population and Landscape map of China on page 86. This map shows rugged areas and areas of smoother terrain.
  - The map also shows population densities. What does one red dot stand for? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Do more people live in the rugged areas or in the areas of smoother terrain? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Explain why few people live in the nonrugged areas of the west. Use complete sentences.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Study the People per Car graph on page 86. Fill in the blanks below.
  - In China, only 1 in \_\_\_\_\_ people owns a car.
  - In Indonesia, 1 in \_\_\_\_\_ people owns a car.
  - In the United States, 1 in \_\_\_\_\_ people owns a car.
  - According to the graph, \_\_\_\_\_ has a standard of living similar to the United States.
- Open your atlas again to the inside front cover. Look at the list of the Largest Urban Areas.
  - What was the most populous city in the world in 1996? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Will it still be the most populous city in 2015? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Use the Eastern Asia Political map on page 87 to answer the following questions.
- Japan has four main islands. Two of these are Hokkaido and Honshu. Name the other two islands.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - What three countries are on the west side of the Sea of Japan?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Turn to the political map of Asia on pages 78 and 79.
- Find Japan's Ryukyu Islands. Toward which other island nation do they extend?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Which United States island territory is closest to Japan?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ 8. Look at the illustration of Japan's Size and Shape on page 83. Circle the sentence below that best represents the illustration.
- Japan is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the size of the 48 States.
- Japan is  $\frac{1}{4}$  the size of the 48 States.
- Japan is  $\frac{1}{20}$  the size of the 48 States.
- ▶ 9. Return to page 87 and look at the graphs showing Japan's Trade.
- Which country is Japan's largest trading partner? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Study the photograph next to the graph. The ship from Tokyo is delivering goods to Oakland, California. What ocean did the ship cross to get to Oakland?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Read the bulleted text above the graphs. Why must Japan import many of the raw materials it uses?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Find Japan on the Land Use map on page 83. What two land uses are shown?  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Now look at Japan on the Population map on page 84. What is the population per square mile of most of Japan?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Look at the graph of Japan's Wheat Imports on page 83.
- How much of the wheat consumed in Japan is imported? \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ Why do you think Japan has to import food? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_