

**Chapter 24 Study Guide** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_  
**"South Asia: Physical Geography"**

**Unit Atlas** (pages 542 to 549)

1. How does the population of South Asia compare to that of the United States?
2. Describe the general pattern of landforms in South Asia.

Which countries in South Asia have majorities of each of the following religions?

3. Islam \_\_\_\_\_
4. Buddhism \_\_\_\_\_
5. Hinduism \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which parts of South Asia have the highest population densities and what factors might account for this?

7. According to the Regional Data File, which South Asian country do you think is the most developed?

List two statistics that support your conclusion.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which country do you think is least developed?

List two statistics that support your conclusion.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1: "Landforms and Resources"** (pages 551 to 555)

9. What natural barriers separate the South Asian subcontinent from the rest of Asia?
10. What plate actions are responsible for the creation of South Asia's landforms?

11. Why is Bangladesh vulnerable to natural hazards?  
(See the "Connect to the Issues" inset on page 552.)
12. Where do the three great rivers of South Asia have their origins?
13. Why is the Indo-Gangetic Plain one of the most fertile farming regions in the world?
14. The Maldives is an archipelago. What is an archipelago?
15. Why is deforestation a problem?
16. What types of mineral resources are found in South Asia?

**Section 2: "Climate and Vegetation"** (pages 556 to 558)

17. Describe the general pattern of climates in South Asia.
18. How do the monsoons affect people's lives in South Asia?

**Section 3: "Human-Environment Interaction"** (pages 560-563)

19. What is the importance of the Ganges River to peoples' livelihoods and religious life?
20. How did the Ganges become so polluted?
21. Why is it difficult to restore the health of the river?
22. How has Bangladesh tried to control the Feni River?