

"Unit Atlas" (pages 610-617)

1. What is the general pattern of landforms in East Asia?
2. During which dynasty did China reach its greatest limits? _____
3. Compare the vegetation map on page 614 to the population density map on page 615. Which two vegetation zones correspond with higher population densities?
4. Which country has the lowest overall population density?
5. According to the Regional Data File, which country in East Asia is least developed?
Which statistics support your choice?
6. Which country in East Asia is most developed? Which statistics support your choice?
7. Compare China's population pyramid for 2000 to the projected 2050 pyramid. What conclusions can you draw?

Section 1--"Landforms and Resources" (pages 618-623)

8. Which natural barriers have limited movement and increased the isolation of East Asia?

9. What advantage has China's long coastline provided?
10. What advantage does the isolation of East Asia's islands provide?
11. How did Hong Kong's status change in 1997?
12. Why is the Huang He (Yellow) River called "China's Sorrow?"
13. What is the economic importance of the Chang Jiang (Yangtze) River?
14. What major city is located at the mouth of the Xi Jiang River?
15. What factor accounts for the concentration of China's population in the east?
16. How has Japan been able to protect its forest reserves?
17. How has China developed its water resources?

Section 2--"Climate and Vegetation" (pages 625-627)

18. Look at the Contour map on page 624.
Contour lines are also called _____.
What is measured by the contour lines on the map? _____
What would be indicated by lines that are closer together?

19. Describe the general pattern of climates found in East Asia.

20. How is the climate of East Asia similar to that of the United States?

Section 3--"Human-Environment Interaction" (pages 628-631)

21. The Three Gorges Dam is being built on the _____ River.

22. What are the positive effects of the building of the dam?

a.

b.

c.

23. What are the negative effects of the building of the dam?

a.

b.

c.

24. What geographic challenges face Japan?

25. How have the Japanese adapted to limited space?