



Learning About the Physical Geography of Monsoon Asia

1. Get your copy of the unlabeled physical features map for the Monsoon Asia Mapping Lab, Challenge 1.
2. Select one of the physical features listed below. Use an

atlas

if needed.

3. Locate and label that same feature on your Challenge 1 Map. (Hint: Is there no room to write your label? Draw a line from the feature to a place where you have more room to write.)
4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have found and labeled all 18 physical features.

PHYSICAL FEATURES OF MONSOON ASIA

A set of latitude and longitude coordinates is given for each feature. If you have trouble finding a feature, the coordinates will help you get close to its location.

BAY OF BENGAL (15 N, 90 E)	DECCAN PLATEAU (18 N, 78 E)	GANGES RIVER (27 N, 80 E)
GOBI DESERT (42 N, 110 E)	HIMALAYAS (30 N, 82 E)	HUANG HE (Yellow River) (35 N, 115 E)
INDUS RIVER (25 N, 68 E)	SOUTH CHINA SEA (15 N, 115 E)	MEKONG RIVER (15 N, 106 E)
MOUNT EVEREST (28 N, 87 E) Mark this location with a triangle	PACIFIC OCEAN (15 N, 135 E)	PLATEAU TIBET (33 N, 90 E)
SEA OF JAPAN (East Sea) (40 N, 135 E)	TAKLAMAKAN DESERT (40 N, 84 E)	CHANG JIANG (Yangtze River) (32 N, 120 E)
YELLOW SEA (36 N, 123 E)	KOREAN PENINSULA (35 N, 127 E)	INDIAN OCEAN (0 , 85 E)

LEARNING ABOUT THE HUMAN GEOGRAPHY OF MONSOON ASIA


1. Get your copy of the unlabeled political map for the Monsoon Asia Mapping Lab, Challenge 2.
2. Select one of the countries listed below. Find it on a political map of Monsoon Asia. Use the latitude and longitude coordinates to help you.
3. Label the country and lightly shade the country on your map. Use colored pencils or crayons ONLY.
4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have labeled and shaded all 15 countries.

COUNTRIES IN MONSOON ASIA

BANGLADESH (24 N, 90 E)	CHINA (35 N, 105 E)	TAIWAN (24 N, 121 E)
INDIA (20 N, 77 E)	INDONESIA (5 S, 120 E)	JAPAN (35 N, 135 E)
LAOS (18 N, 105 E)	MONGOLIA (46 N, 105 E)	NORTH KOREA (40 N, 127 E)
PHILIPPINES (15 N, 121 E)	SINGAPORE (1 N, 104 E)	SOUTH KOREA (37 N, 127 E)
SRI LANKA (8 N, 81 E)	THAILAND (15 N, 100 E)	VIETNAM (14 N, 108 E)





1	<p>Monsoon Asia Challenge 3</p> <p>Mount Everest is located on the boarder of which two countries?</p>	2	<p>Monsoon Asia Challenge 3</p> <p>Which four countries in Monsoon Asia have some land in an ice cap vegetation zone?</p>
3	<p>Monsoon Asia Challenge 3</p> <p>Which island country in Monsoon Asia contains two cities with a population of more than 8 million people? What are those cities?</p>	4	<p>Monsoon Asia Challenge 3</p> <p>Once country in Monsoon Asia has all of these climate zones: highlands, humid subtropical, semiarid, arid, tropical wet and dry, and tropical wet. What is the country?</p>
5	<p>Monsoon Asia Challenge 3</p> <p>One of the longest rivers in the world flows from the Plateau of Tibet to the East China Sea. What is the name of this river? Through which country does it flow?</p> 	6	<p>Monsoon Asia Challenge 4</p> <p>Compare the population densities in the western and eastern halves of China. How do physical features and climate help to explain why they are so different?</p> <p>HINT: Describe the population density, elevation, climate, and physical features of both areas in your answer. Then explain which area is the most suitable for large populations.</p>
7	<p>Monsoon Asia Challenge 4</p> <p>Where in Monsoon Asia does this person live?</p> <p>“The coastal areas of my country have over 250 people per square mile. Like many people here, I am a subsistence farmer. My cousin works for a manufacturing plant in a city. My country is one of diversity. The elevation ranges from sea level to over 10,000 feet. Parts of my country are dry all year round. Other parts are tropical with wet and dry seasons.”</p>	8	<p>Monsoon Asia Challenge 4</p> <p>For a travel guide of my country, I write:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our climate is pleasant – not too dry nor too wet, like some parts of Monsoon Asia. • Our capital city of over 8 million people offers shopping, museums, and entertainment. • We have different types of forests to enjoy. <p>I also include a map of the islands that make up my country. Which country am I writing about? Use information from each map to explain why you think the country is</p>

MAPPING CHALLENGE ANSWER DOCUMENT

supports your answer.

MONSOON ASIA MAPPING LAB CHALLENGE #3

Using Geography Skills to Answer “Where?”

QUESTION	Circle the thematic map you used. Then answer the question in complete sentences.			
1	Physical Features Economic Activity	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density
2	Physical Features Economic Activity	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density
3	Physical Features Economic Activity	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density
4	Physical Features Economic Activity	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density
5	Physical Features Economic Activity	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density

MONSOON ASIA MAPPING LAB CHALLENGE #4

Using Geography Skills to Answer “Why There?”

Circle the thematic maps you used. Then answer the question in complete sentences.				
6	Physical Features Economic Activity	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density
7	Physical Features Economic Activity	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density

8	Physical Features	Climate Zones	Vegetation Zones	Population Density
	Economic Activity			



MONSOON ASIA CHALLENGE 5 ANSWER DOCUMENT

Using Maps to Analyze a Field Photograph

	LOCATION A (40 N, 85 E)	LOCATION B (4 S, 138 E)	LOCATION C (19 N, 73 E)
Physical Features			
Climate Zones			
Vegetation Zones			
Population Density			

Economic Activity			