

# Physical Geography of East Asia



-Countries in the region:  
China, Japan, Mongolia,  
Taiwan, North Korea, and  
South Korea

-Kunlun Mountains: located  
in Western China

-The source of both the  
Yellow and Yangtze Rivers







# Gobi Desert

- Covers more than 5,000 miles from northwest China into Mongolia

- Larger than Texas and California combined

- During winter months, temperatures can drop to  $-40^{\circ}\text{F}$

- During summer months, temperatures can reach  $122^{\circ}\text{F}$









# River Systems

- Yellow River: originates in the Kunlun Mountains

- Flows for more than 3,000 miles, empties into the Yellow Sea

- The river has a yellowish tint because of the color of the soil it carries







# River Systems

- Yangtze River: longest river in Asia (over 3,900 miles)

- Very important river for shipping and trading





# Natural Resources

- Because East Asia is such a mountainous region, land available for agriculture is limited
- China's population is concentrated to the east where land is arable
- The mountainous regions in western China are more sparsely populated

# Natural Resources

-Major natural resources of East Asia: petroleum, coal, natural gas, and iron ore

-North and South Korea have plentiful gold and silver reserves

-China's river systems provide crop irrigation, hydroelectric power, and transportation