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## Social Studies Global Geography: Academic Unit 6: East Asia

Essential Understandings	<ul> <li>Political, physical, economic, social, historic, and environmental factors contributed to the development of this region.</li> </ul>
Essential Questions	<ul> <li>How has past culture and history affected East Asia?</li> <li>Where are major political and physical features located?</li> <li>Why is this region such an economic giant?</li> <li>What data supports continued growth of manufacturing in East Asia?</li> </ul>
Essential Knowledge	<ul> <li>Challenges that face this region include:         <ul> <li>Farming/food for an arid land with an increasing population</li> <li>Economic and environmental developments</li> </ul> </li> <li>Political and physical features shape the region.</li> <li>History of a region shapes it characteristics.</li> <li>Cultural and religious characteristics shape the region.</li> </ul>
Vocabulary	<ul> <li>Terms:         <ul> <li>double cropping, aquaculture, Taoism, Confucianism, pictograms, SEZ's, tsunami, shogun, samurai, export economy, wats, klongs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Essential Skills	<ul> <li>Use a timeline to show patterns that developed in this region.</li> <li>Identify defining events in the history of this region.</li> <li>Draw place and/or feature locations.</li> <li>Identify names, locations, characteristics of political and physical features.</li> <li>Explain historical and cultural changes.</li> <li>Show how resources and economics are related.</li> </ul>
Related Maine Learning Results	Social Studies D. Geography D1.Geographic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns Students understand the geography of the United States and various regions of the world and the effect of geographic influences on decisions about the present and future. b. Describe the major regions of the Earth and their major physical, environmental, and cultural features using a variety of geographic tools. c. Analyze local, national, and global geographic data on physical, environmental, and cultural processes that shape and change places and regions.
Sample Lessons And Activities	Use a spreadsheet to analyze and record data from an East Asia country over the past ten years. Track things like GDP, population, imports, exports. Make a prediction for the next five years based on data.
Sample Classroom	Discussion of various charts with rubric

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Assessment Methods	
Sample Resources	<ul> <li>Publications:         <ul> <li>World Geography Today – Holt, Rinehart, 2003</li> </ul> </li> </ul>