

East Asia Atlas Analysis (p. 606 – 617)

What countries are considered part of East Asia?

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1. Based on the map, what types of climates and vegetation do you think are present in East Asia? Also, what kinds of landforms do you see?

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2. How does East Asia compare in size to the United States?
3. How do the populations of East Asia and the United States compare?
4. Based on the data from the previous question, how might the population densities of the two compare?
5. What three main river systems run from west to east in China?
6. How does the Chang Jiang compare in length to the Mississippi River?
7. What countries are made of up islands in East Asia?

8. What is the term used to describe the type of landmass where North and South Korea located?
9. What body of water separates China from North and South Korea?
10. Which of the bodies of water surrounding Japan is the largest?
11. What is the average elevation range of most of East Asia?
12. Which elevation is the least represented on the physical map?

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13. What does the smaller map show?
14. Why do you think the publisher chose to show these four dynasties out of the many Chinese dynasties throughout history?
15. What similarities and differences can you identify between the historical map of the Chinese Empire and the map of present-day East Asia? (hint: think of borders)

Similarities:

Differences:

16. What countries in East Asia used to be a part of the Chinese Empire, but are now independent countries? Which country in the region was never a part of the Chinese Empire?

17. What is the smallest country in East Asia?

18. What other countries in Asia (not just East Asia) did parts of the Chinese Empires once include?

19. How does present-day China differ from that of the Qing Dynasty?

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20. In terms of religion, into which group does the majority of people in East Asia fall? Compare this chart with the Russia chart on p. 340 – What key similarity do you notice? Why might this be?

21. Which country has the most diverse languages?

22. What do the countries of North and South Korea, Japan, and Mongolia have in common regarding language?

23. What type of vegetation is most common in East Asia?

24. Which country has the most diverse types of vegetation? Why do you think this?

25. What similarities do you notice between the vegetation map and population density map?

26. Which color represents the most common population density level in South Korea? What is the population density range of this color?

27. Which country contains the lowest overall population density?

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28. What does the “Profile of East Asia” chart say about the landscape as you move from west to east? How does this compare to the physical map of East Asia on p. 610/611?

29. Choose one of the countries in East Asia and compare it to the United States. Focus on FOUR categories to compare. You may want to make a T-chart to help you organize the data.

Categories to choose from:

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| ■ Number of doctors | ■ Literacy Rate |
| ■ Infant mortality | ■ Televisions |
| ■ Life Expectancy | ■ Passenger Cars |
| ■ GDP | ■ Population |

Write a brief statement about how the two countries are similar or different, and what that East Asian country’s lifestyle may be like in comparison to the United States. **DO THIS FOR EACH OF THE CATEGORIES YOU CHOOSE.**

Category 1:

Category 2:

Category 3:

Category 4: