

Chapter 14 Study Guide

The Caucasus, Central Asia, and South Asia

Countries of the Caucasus

What two bodies of water border the nations of the Caucasus Mountain?

The Caucasus Mountains lie at the crossroads between _____, _____, and the _____.

What do the Arabs call the Caucasus?

What country dominated this region for several decades until the early 1990's?

Georgia: Capital is _____

What percent of the people belong to the Georgian Orthodox Church?

Name and describe the two regions of Georgia:

Armenia: Capital is _____

The nation of Armenia was the first to do what and when?

What is the literacy rate in Armenia?

What led to the Armenian Genocide?

Azerbaijan: Capital is _____

What country has had the greatest influence over Azerbaijan?

What years did Persia control this region?

What is the language and the religion of the people of Azerbaijan?

What is the main river in Azerbaijan?

What is the largest lake in the world and how far below sea level is it?

Why is the region a desirable area?

Central Asia

“Central Asia” is the term that is used to classify what area?

What people dominate the area?

What was the name of the prominent trade route of Central Asia between the East and the West?

What two great empires were linked by the Road?

What two problems cause these nations to struggle to find their place in the modern world?

- 1.
- 2.

Kazakhstan: Capital is _____

What is the dominant nationality of the people of the north?

What is the background of the people to the south?

What did Russia do to keep a strong authority over the people of the south?

Why is the capital now in the northern part of Kazakhstan?

What is the religion of the Kazakhs?

Explain what is happening with the Aral Sea and why?

Turkmenistan: Capital is _____

What is the major nationality and religion of the Turkmen?

What desert covers 80% of this country?

What are the most abundant resources in this country?

Uzbekistan: Capital is _____

Uzbekistan is the most _____ nation in Central Asia.

What desert covers 80% of the country?

Where is the greatest oasis in this country?

Describe the significance of Bukhara during the tenth century:

What city is called the “Gem of the East”?

What is it famous for?

Kyrgyzstan: Capital is _____

What is the name of the mountain that dominates Kyrgyzstan?

What is the meaning of the name of the mountain range?

Why is there a potential for friction amongst the people of Kyrgyzstan?

What types of occupations are most of the people in this country involved in?

Tajikistan: Capital is _____

Why is the Pamir Mountain range called the “Pamir Knot”?

Tajikistan language and religious practices closely reflects what other country?

What resource does this country have?

Afghanistan: Capital is _____

Out of more than 20 ethnic groups, which two groups are the largest?

Afghanistan was known as what kind of state in the 19th century?

What did Russia do between the years of 1978-1989?

Who did the United States support during the Russian invasion?

What is the name of the Islamic group that took control after the Soviets withdrew?

What strict Islamic law did the Taliban enforce?

Why did the US invade Afghanistan?

What is the official religion of Afghanistan?

What is the Khyber Pass and why is it important?

What is a major export of Afghanistan and how much money does it generate?

South Asia

What separates this region from the rest of Asia?

Why is this region called a subcontinent?

What makes this region susceptible to monsoons?

India: Capital is _____

India has the _____ largest population in the world.

India is often called the world’s largest _____.

What type of governmental structure does India have and how many states and territories does it have?

Name the three significant mountain ranges in India:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The highest mountain in the world is named _____ and it is located in the _____ mountains.

Name the four major rivers in India:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What is the significance of the Ganges River to the Hindu people?

What is the major state in the Great Indian Desert and the dominant religion in this region?

Where is the Deccan Plateau located on the peninsula?

What is the largest city in India?

What is the major crop in this area?

What are the major mineral resources found in this plateau region?

What is Chennai known for?

Who was Mahatma Gandhi and what was he famous for?

Who was Jawaharlal Nehru and what did he do?

Who was William Carey?

List the five major religions found in India:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

What are the 5 levels of the Hindu caste system?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

What is reincarnation?

What apostle was believed to have traveled to India?

Who was the leader of Sikhism?

From what country did India gain its independence in 1947?

Pakistan: Capital is _____

When did Pakistan gain independence from India?

What were the name of the two parts of Pakistan?

What area did both India and Pakistan go to war over and during what years?

What is the name of the major river in Pakistan?

What is the name of the province where the capital can be found?

What is the name of the ruined ancient city found along the fertile Indus river valley?

What percent of the population of India is Islamic?

What type of government does Pakistan claim to have?

What type of government did it really have until 2008 and who was the leader?

Bangladesh: Capital is _____

What are the names of the three rivers that have deltas in Bangladesh?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

What are the natural disasters that Bangladesh is prone to?

What is the official language of Bangladesh?

What does Bangladesh rely on in order to stave off famines?

What percent of the people are Islamic and what percent are Hindu?

What type of government does Bangladesh have?

Nepal: Capital is _____

What natural disasters is Nepal susceptible to?

Nepal is the only official _____ state in the world.

Who are Sherpas?

Who are Gurkhas?

What did the king try to do in 2005?

What is the most-produced crop in Nepal?

What is the leading money-maker in Nepal and why?

Bhutan: Capital is _____

What does Bhutan mean?

What is the major religion?

What type of government does Bhutan have?

Who controls the foreign policy of Bhutan?

Who are the trading partners of Bhutan?

Sri Lanka: Capital is _____

What percent of the population is Buddhist?

Who colonized Sri Lanka and what was it called then?

What are the names of the two warring factions in Sri Lanka?

What type of government does Sri Lanka currently have?

What are the two major food crops that Sri Lanka produces?

What is mined in Sri Lanka?

Where do many Sri Lankans work??

Maldives: Capital is _____

What kind of islands are the Maldives?

How many islands make up this country and how many are inhabited?

What is the major religion?

What two European countries had an effect on Maldives?

What type of government does Maldives have?

What are the major industries?