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# Unit 8: SOUTH & EAST ASIA

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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ separates the eastern edge of Russia from Alaska.
2. The five major world religions that originated in Asia are:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
3. At its height, the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire covered almost all of modern-day China and Mongolia, and parts of Indochina, Central Asia, and the Middle East.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains in Russia divide the continents of Europe and Asia.
5. Also known as the "Roof of the World," the \_\_\_\_\_ is the least populated region of Asia.
6. Describe the Gobi Desert. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the two most heavily populated countries in the world.
8. The "Mother River" of India is used daily by millions for bathing, religious ceremonies, and as a main source of drinking water. What river is it? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Both Japan and China took isolationist stances against trade with Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries. Were these policies effective? How did it help or harm the economic and social development of the countries in the long term? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
10. The region of Russia east of the Urals is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

11. The country of \_\_\_\_\_ was created in 1947 when India gained independence from Britain, as a haven for Muslim Indians.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ was built to prevent northern tribes from invading China.
13. What trade route between the West and East was used from the 1st and 2nd centuries A.D. through the Middle Ages? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What features of the Indian subcontinent make it difficult to invade? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ are the world's largest mountain range.
16. Briefly describe the British East India Company's involvement in India. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. What is the Indian caste system? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Compare the Korean and Vietnam Wars, including events that sparked the conflict, countries involved, and outcomes. \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. What problems did colonized countries in South and East Asia face after they gained independence? What other region of the world experienced similar difficulties? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CAPITALS:** List the capital of each country.

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| a. _____, Sri Lanka | j. _____, Bangladesh  |
| b. _____, Bhutan    | k. _____, China       |
| c. _____, Taiwan    | l. _____, Afghanistan |
| d. _____, Cambodia  | m. _____, Vietnam     |
| e. _____, Mongolia  | n. _____, South Korea |
| f. _____, Maldives  | o. _____, Japan       |
| g. _____, India     | p. _____, Pakistan    |
| h. _____, Laos      | q. _____, North Korea |
| i. _____, Nepal     | r. _____, Thailand    |

**MAP ACTIVITY:** On the following page, locate and label the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tibetan Plateau  | <input type="checkbox"/> Arabian Sea     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ural Mountains  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russia           | <input type="checkbox"/> China           | <input type="checkbox"/> Himalayas       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thailand         | <input type="checkbox"/> Indus River     | <input type="checkbox"/> Laos            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay of Bengal    | <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan          | <input type="checkbox"/> South China Sea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow River     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tien Shan Mtns. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mekong River    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu Kush Mtns. | <input type="checkbox"/> India           | <input type="checkbox"/> Bhutan          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bering Strait    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodia        | <input type="checkbox"/> Japan           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gobi Desert      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Sea      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lanka       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan      | <input type="checkbox"/> Siberia         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bering Sea      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yangtze River   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nepal           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burma            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Korea     | <input type="checkbox"/> North Korea     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Everest      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ganges River    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistan         | <input type="checkbox"/> East China Sea  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mongolia        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sea of Japan     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Fuji        | <input type="checkbox"/> Equator         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maldives         | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Ocean   |  |

**ROBINSON MAP PROJECT:** On a blank Robinson map, draw North America, South America, Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and Asia, and label the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Ocean       | <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Meridian      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Mountains   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Ocean      | <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Magellan  | <input type="checkbox"/> Andes Mountains   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Ocean        | <input type="checkbox"/> Strait of Gibraltar | <input type="checkbox"/> Himalayas         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Ocean        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bering Strait       | <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean Sea     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Circle       | <input type="checkbox"/> Amazon River        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Sea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tropic of Capricorn | <input type="checkbox"/> Nile River          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Horn         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tropic of Cancer    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow River        | <input type="checkbox"/> Horn of Africa    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equator             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ganges River        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape of Good Hope |

