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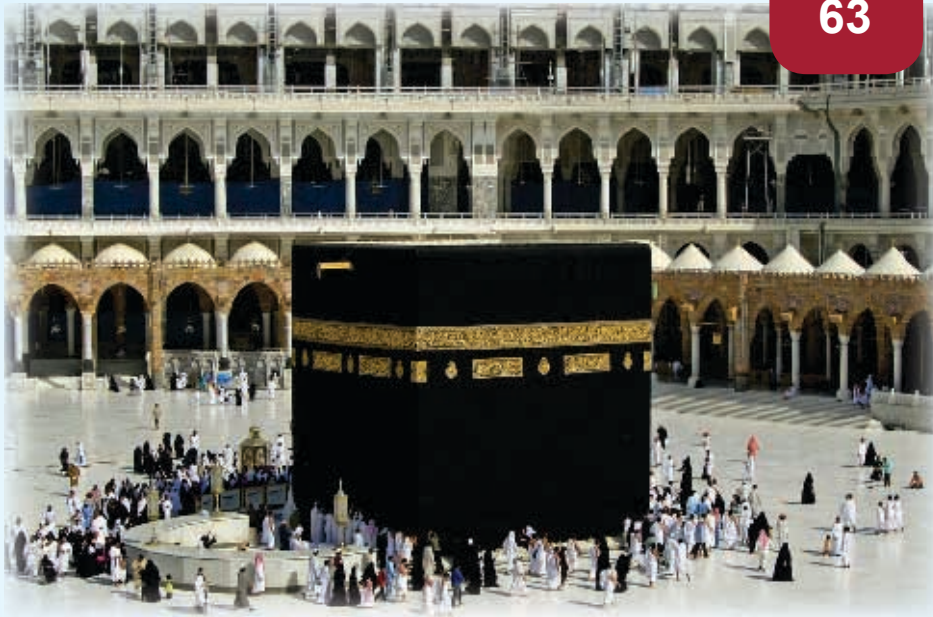
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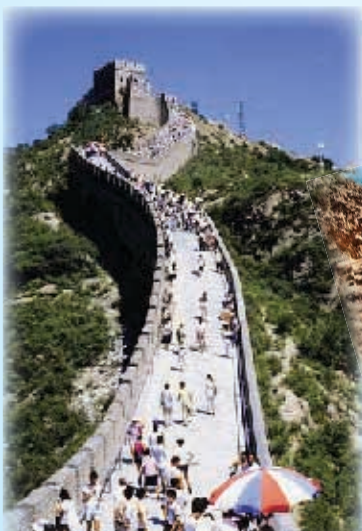
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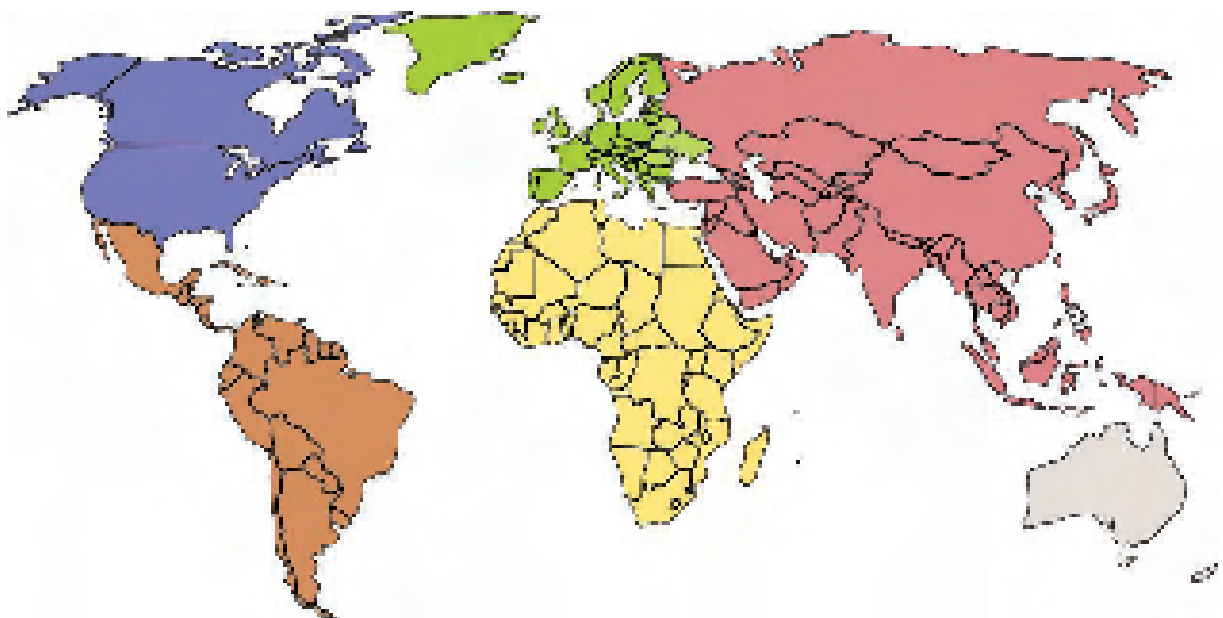


Lesson One: Introduction to Asia

Asia is the world's largest continent. Nearly 4 billion people live in Asia.

Look and Find:

Circle Asia in the map below.



The continent of Asia is so large and diverse that it is divided into **sub-regions**:

- 1- Northern Asia
- 2- Middle East
- 3- South Asia
- 4- East Asia
- 5- South East Asia
- 6- South West Asia



Did You Know?

Asia is the planet's largest continent, Asia covers about 30 percent of the world's landmass and includes (44) countries.

Asia is so big that it is divided into different sub-regions.



The Middle East

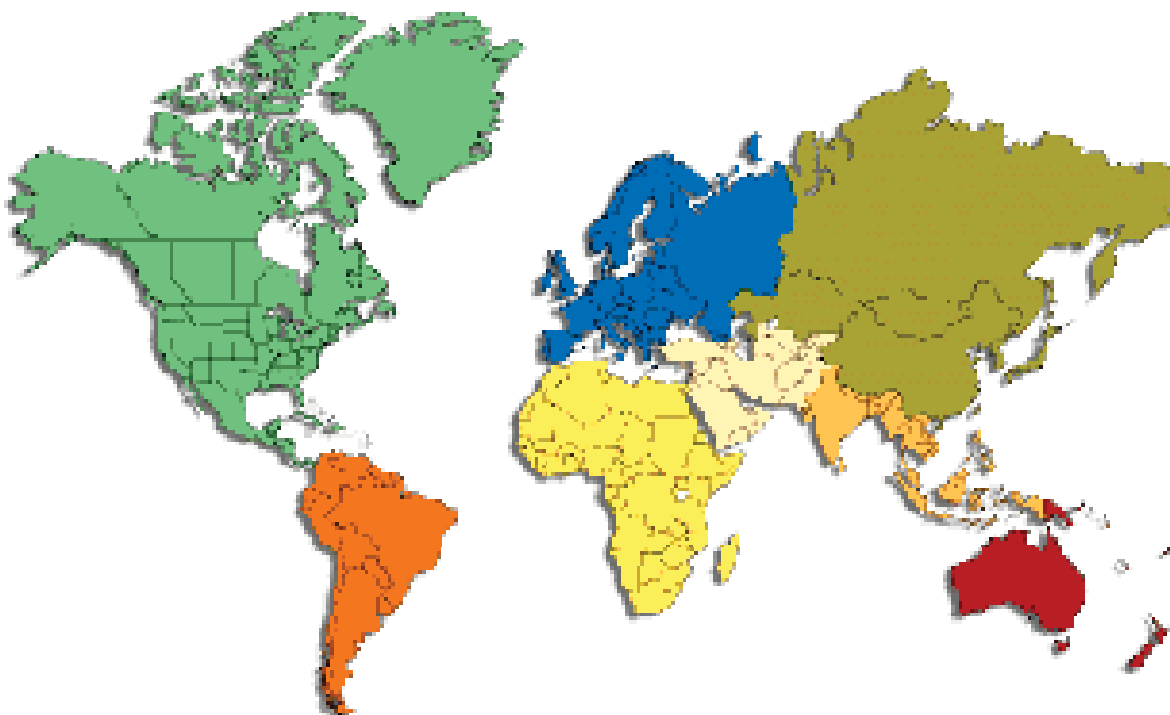
Activity: Circle all the Arab countries that you can find on the map below.

Map of Asia



Fast Facts

Asia is the only **continent** that borders two other continents; **Africa** and **Europe**.



38 What are the other four continents?



Highest point on earth, **Mount Everest**, is in **Asia**.

Why is Mount Everest so famous?

Mount Everest is the highest mountain on Earth above sea level, and the highest point on the Earth's crust.

Did you know?

Edmund Hillary was the first man to reach Earth's highest point (Mount Everest).





The **lowest point** on land, the **Dead Sea**, is also in Asia.

Why is it called the Dead Sea?

It is called the Dead Sea because nothing lives in it. It is some of the saltiest water anywhere in the world, almost six times as salty as the ocean.

Lesson Two: The Rainforests of Asia

What do you know?

What is a Rainforest?

What do you know?

Why are Rainforests Important?



Rainforests are forests with tall trees, warm **climate**, and lots of rain.

Did You Know?

1 out of 4 ingredients in our medicine is from rainforest plants.



Why are rainforests important?



Rainforests are important because they:

- provide a home to many plants and animals.
- are a source for medicines and foods.
- are an interesting place to visit.

Most rainforests in Asia are found in **Indonesia**, **Malaysia**, and **Thailand**. Southeast Asia's rainforests are some of the oldest on Earth. Some scientists believe that forests in Malaysia may have existed over 100 million years ago.

Did you know?

An area of a rainforest the size of a football field is being destroyed each second.



Why are Rainforests being destroyed?

Many areas of the rainforests are being **destroyed** every year by **Humans**. People are cutting down rainforests for many reasons. Some of these reasons are:



They cut wood for both making fire and furniture.



They use land for growing crops.



They use land for their cattle to graze.

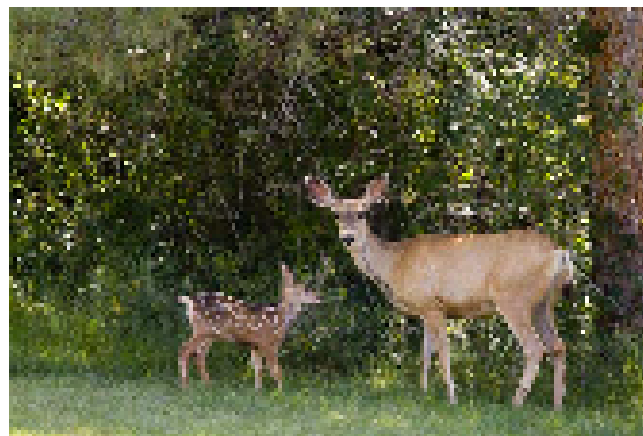
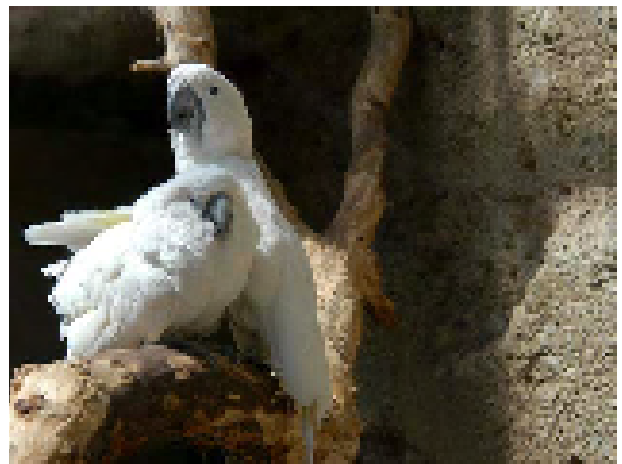
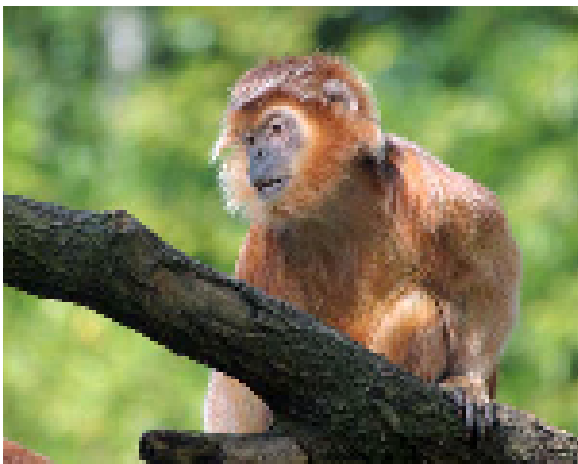
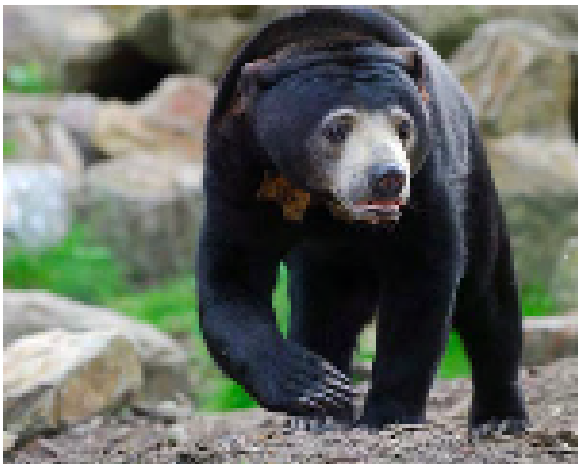


They use land for road construction

Global Citizens:

The rainforests are home to more than half of the world's animals. Millions of insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals call them home.

Think of what will happen to these beautiful animals if the rainforests are being destroyed.



Let's do everything we can to save them.

Lesson Three: The Himalayas

Did You Know?

The snow leopard is found in the high mountains of Central Asia and especially the Himalayas.



The **Himalayas** are the highest mountains in the world. They were given the name Himalaya which means "home of snow", because snow never melts on their high **peaks**. The Himalayas form 9 of the 10 highest peaks in the world.



Among these peaks is the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest.

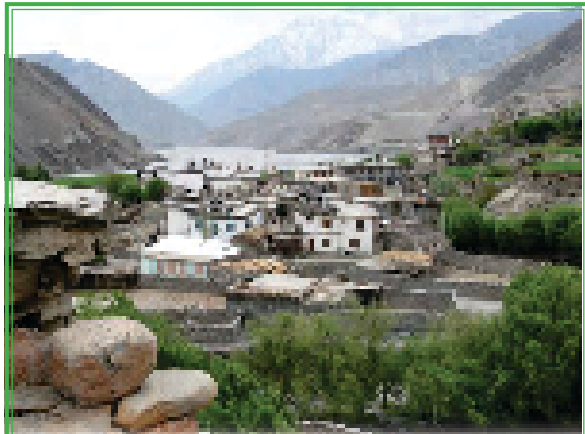


Being the world's highest mountains, the Himalayas are the greatest **attraction** to climbers throughout the world.

The Himalayas are divided into three areas:



1- Indian Himalayas: in the north of India.



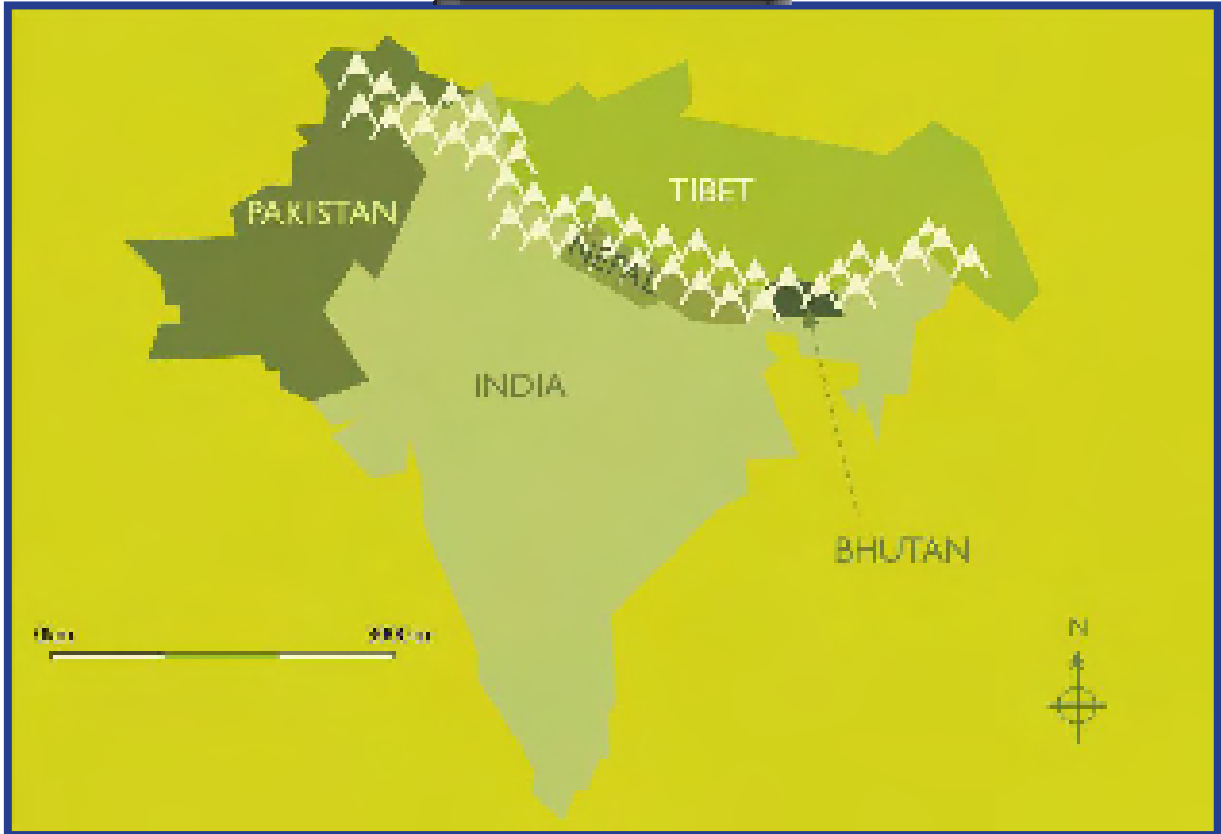
2- Nepalese Himalayas: in Nepal.

3- Tibetan Himalayas: in Tibet in China.



Study the map below. Then answer the following questions.

The Himalayas



1- What are the countries that the Himalayas are divided into?

2- Which countries are located on the borders of India?

Lesson Four: The Arabian Peninsula



"Where is the Arabian Peninsula?"



The **Arabian Peninsula** is located in southwest **Asia**.

The three bodies of water that surrounding the Arabian Peninsula are the Red Sea, the Arabian Gulf, and the Indian Ocean.

What countries does it cover?

The Arabian Peninsula is divided into the following Arab countries:

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Bahrain

Kuwait

Oman

Qatar

United Arab Emirates

Yemen



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia covers most of the Arabian Peninsula. The majority of the population of the peninsula lives in Saudi Arabia and in Yemen.

Why do few animals live in the Arabian Peninsula?



What do you know?

If someone were to ask you to name an animal that lives in the desert, what animal might you think of?

The Arabian Peninsula has no lakes, rivers or forests. The Arabian Peninsula receives very little rain, so the climate of Arabia is hot and dry, and therefore few wild animals live in it.

Why is the Arabian Peninsula important to the Arabs?

- 1- **The Arabian Peninsula** was the birth place of the Arabic language.
- 2- **Makkah** was the birth place of Islam.
- 3- **Makkah and Madeenah** are in the Arabian Peninsula; both are important cities to Muslims.
- 4- The countries of the Arabian Peninsula use their oil revenues to provide financial aid to other Arab countries.



Did You Know?

The Arabian Oryx is the smallest member of genus Oryx. They live in desert and arid areas of the Arabian Peninsula. They can go for weeks without drinking water, and can detect rainfall and will move towards it.

Study the map below. Then answer the following questions.



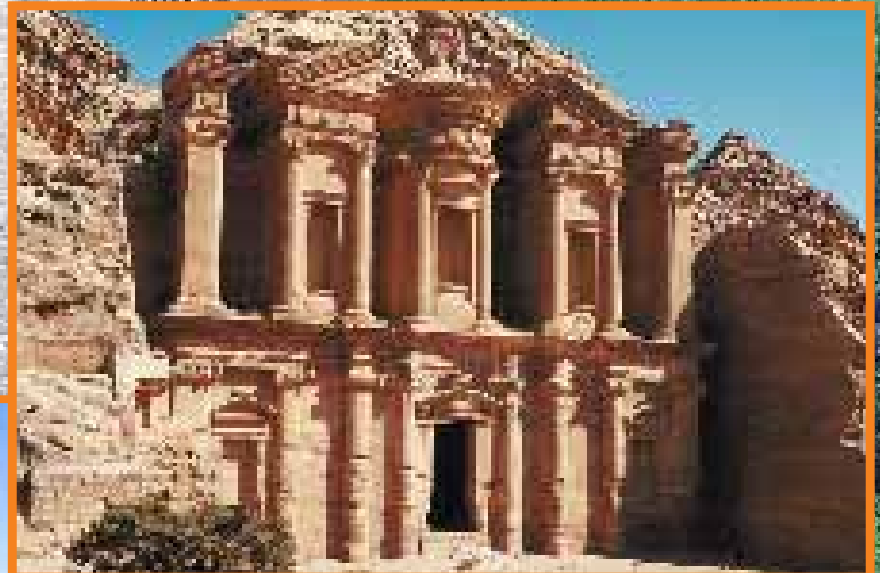
1- Which countries are located on the borders of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia?

2- What are the names of the Arab countries you can see on the map?

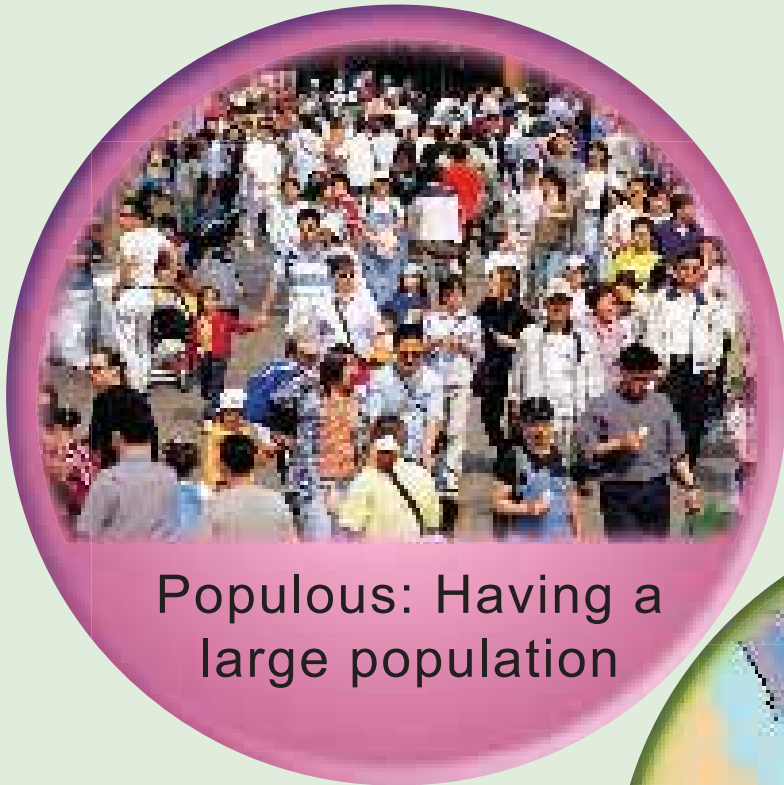
3- Which Arab country is the largest?

Unit Four

Famous Landmarks in Asia



Vocabulary Preview



Populous: Having a large population



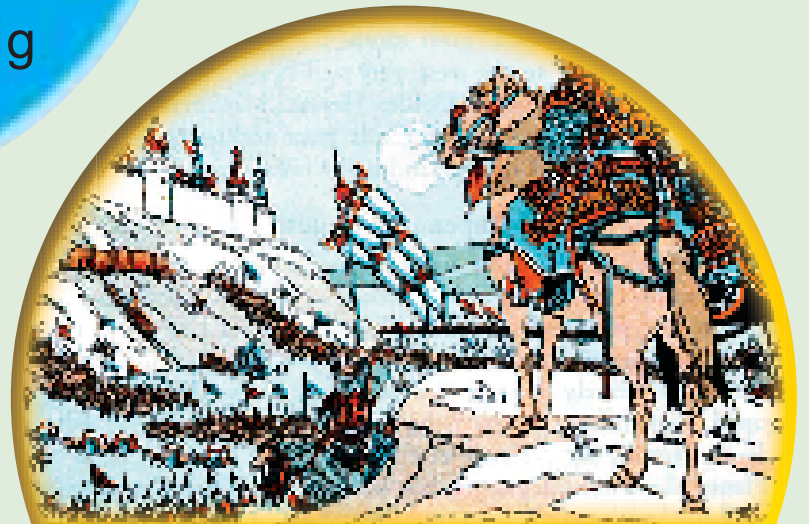
Arabian Gulf: An arm of the Arabian Sea between the Arabian Peninsula and southwest Iran.



Invaders: People who entered and attacked a country.



Emperor: The male ruler of a very big country.



Mongol: Nomadic people of Mongolia.



Tourists: People who travel for pleasure.

Lesson One: Dubai Towers



"Hello! My name is Ahmad. I live in Dubai. I would like you to know more about my city."

"My city Dubai is one of the seven Emirates and the most populous city of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It is located along the southern coast of the Arabian Gulf on the Arabian Peninsula."



"This is my country's flag. Just like you I respect and honor my flag and my country."

"I live in an apartment in The Al Kazim Tower which is a complex of two 53-floor towers. Guess in which floor I live."



"My city Dubai has 48 buildings that stand taller than 180 metres."





“Burj Khalifa, the new name for Burj Dubai, is the world’s tallest tower. It was officially opened in January 2010.”

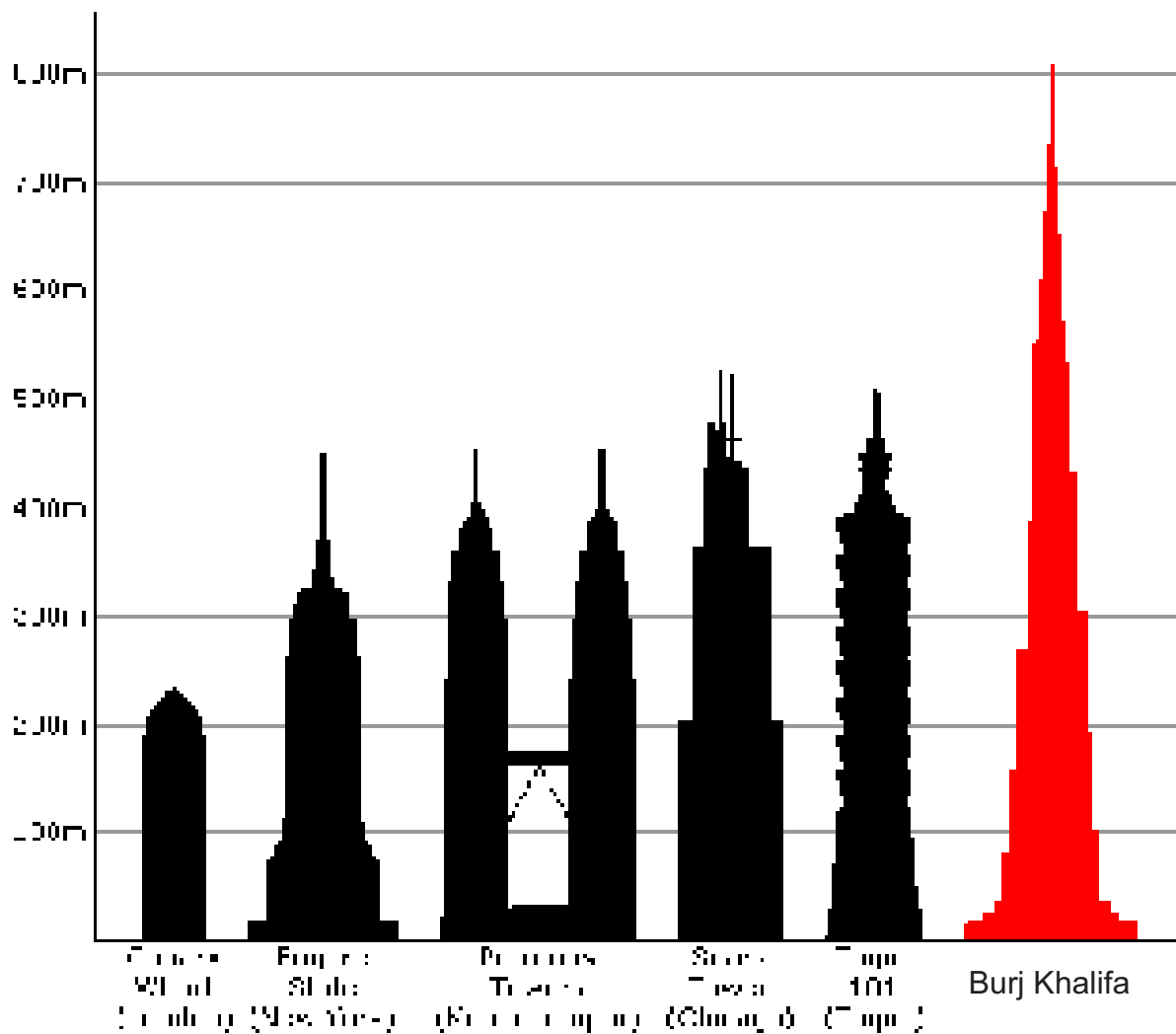
Discussion:

Would you like to live in a high Tower? Why? Why not?

Reading Graph:

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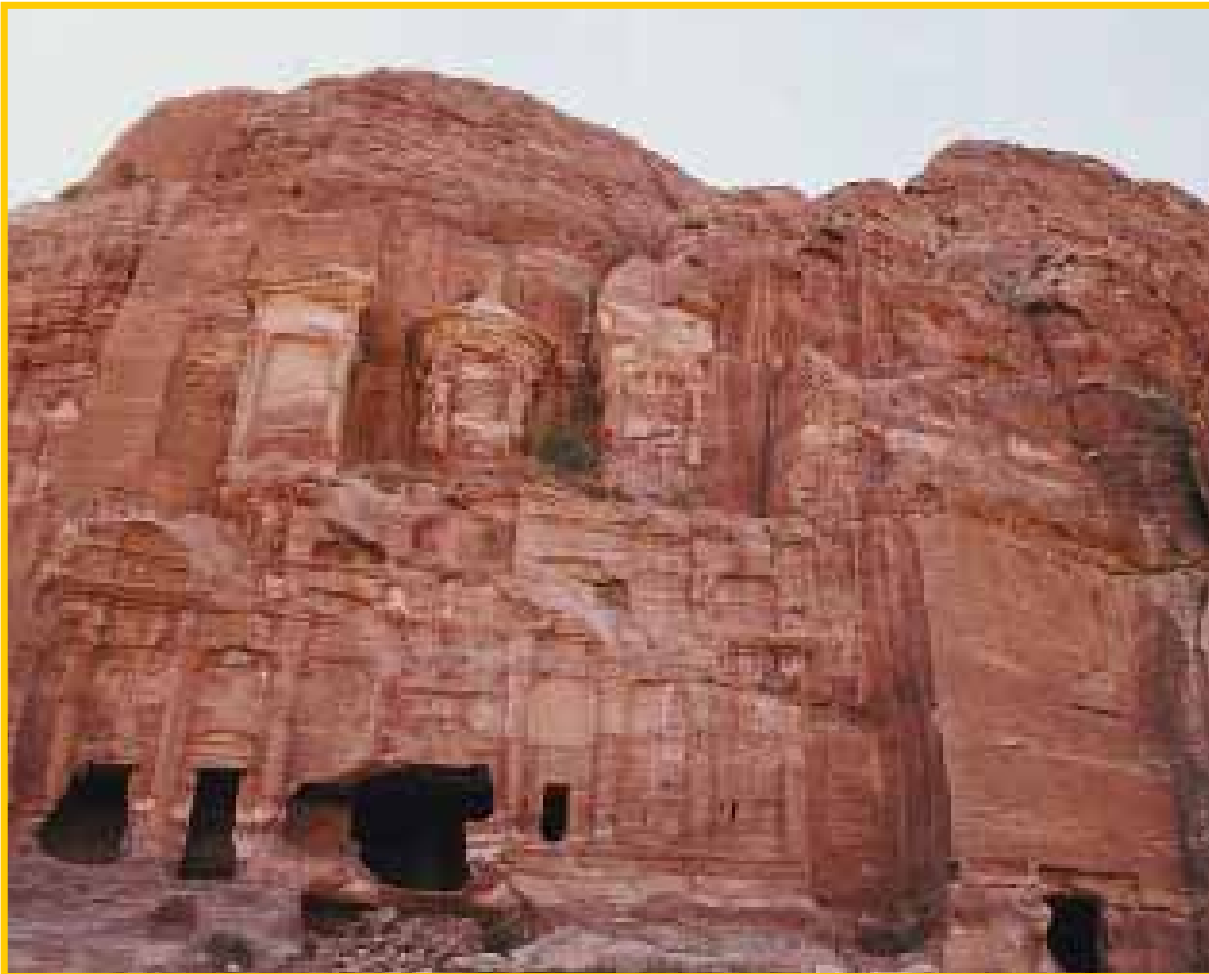
- 1- What is the tallest building?
- 2- Where is the Empire State?
- 3- What is the shortest building?
- 4- How many buildings are located in the United States?



Lesson Two: Petra

Petra

Nothing in the world resembles it!



Where is Petra?

Petra is located outside the town of Wadi Mousa in southern Jordan.

Who built Petra?

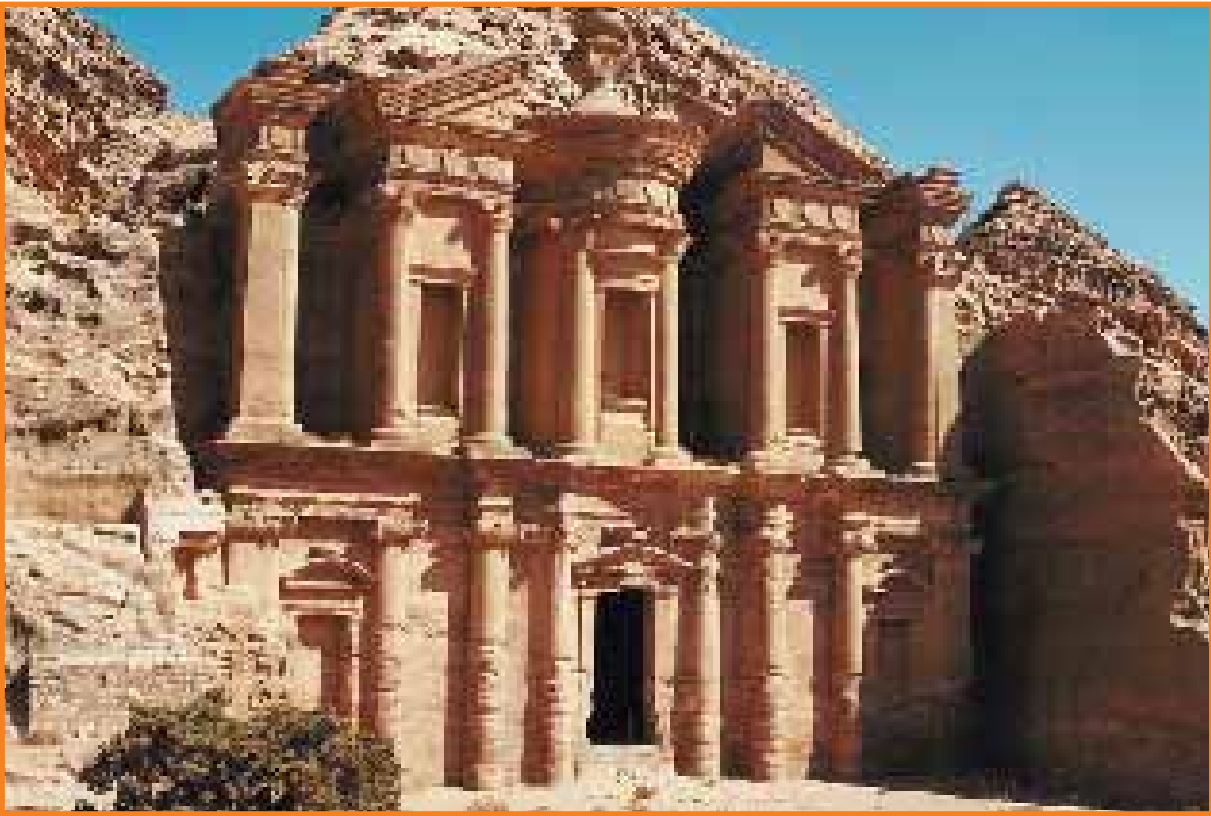
The Nabataeans, a nomadic Arab people from north Arabia built the rock-carved rose-red city of Petra long time ago. Petra was chosen as the capital of the Nabataeans because it was located in a valley surrounded by Sandstone Mountains.

What does the name Petra mean?

The name Petra means the city of rock. It was called so because it was carved in stone.



This is the Siq. It is a narrow and dark valley with sandstone walls.



This is "The Treasury," the first of the many wonders that make up Petra. It is carved into rose-colored sandstone. Recently Petra is one of the New Seven Wonders of the world.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan



Jordan is an Arab country in Southwest Asia, Northwest of Saudi Arabia, South of Syria, Southwest of Iraq, and East of Palestine.

Read the map below. Then answer the following questions.



- What are the two bodies of water you can see on the map?
- What is a historical site?
- Circle Petra.

Lesson Three: Visiting Taj Mahal

Taj Mahal



Where is Taj Mahal?

Taj Mahal is in the city of Agra in India. Taj Mahal is one of the main tourist attractions in India.

Who built Taj Mahal?

It was built by the Muslim Emperor **Shah Jahan**.

Why was Taj Mahal built?

Emperor Shah Jahan built Taj Mahal to honor the memory of his beloved late wife, **Mumtaz Mahal**.

Recently Taj Mahal is one of the New Seven Wonders of the world.





Emperor Shah Jahan

Interesting Facts

- The construction of this monument took a time period of 22 years. A workforce of 20,000 laborers was brought from here and there for building the Taj Mahal.
- The Taj Mahal is considered to be the seventh wonder of the world.
- The name Taj Mahal when translated means “Crown Palace” or “Crown of the Palace.”



Fast Facts

India is part of Asia .It is surrounded by water on three sides.

Did you know?



About 65,000 animal species live in India including elephants, river dolphins, pythons and rhinos.

Did you know?



India is the only country in the world with both lions and tigers.

Lesson Four: The Great Wall of China

The Great Wall of China

“Hello! My name is Cheng. I am from China. History is my favorite school subject. I am so proud to answer your questions about the Great Wall of China.”



When was the Great Wall of China built?

"The Great Wall of China was built over 2,000 years ago, by Qin, the first emperor of China."





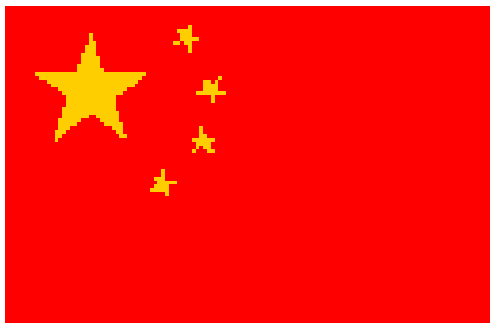
Why was the Great Wall of China built?

"The first Emperor Qin wanted a strong wall to protect his people from the Mongol invaders to the north."

How long did it take to build the Great Wall of China?

"The Chinese worked on the Great Wall for over 1700 years. Each emperor who came to power added pieces to the wall. Many workers worked on the wall. They were not paid for their work. Many workers lost their lives during this work."

"Today, the Great Wall still stands. It can be seen from space. Many tourists visit the Great Wall of China, and walk along it."



Facts about China:

China is the fourth largest country in the world. It has the largest population of in the world. Its capital city is Beijing.

People and Culture



CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year starts with the New Moon on the first day of the New Year and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The 15th day of the New Year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays

More food is consumed during the Chinese New Year celebrations than any other time of the year. Families may eat a whole fish to represent togetherness. They may eat chicken which must be presented with a head, tail and feet to symbolize completeness.

Prior to New Year's Day, Chinese families decorate their living rooms with vases.

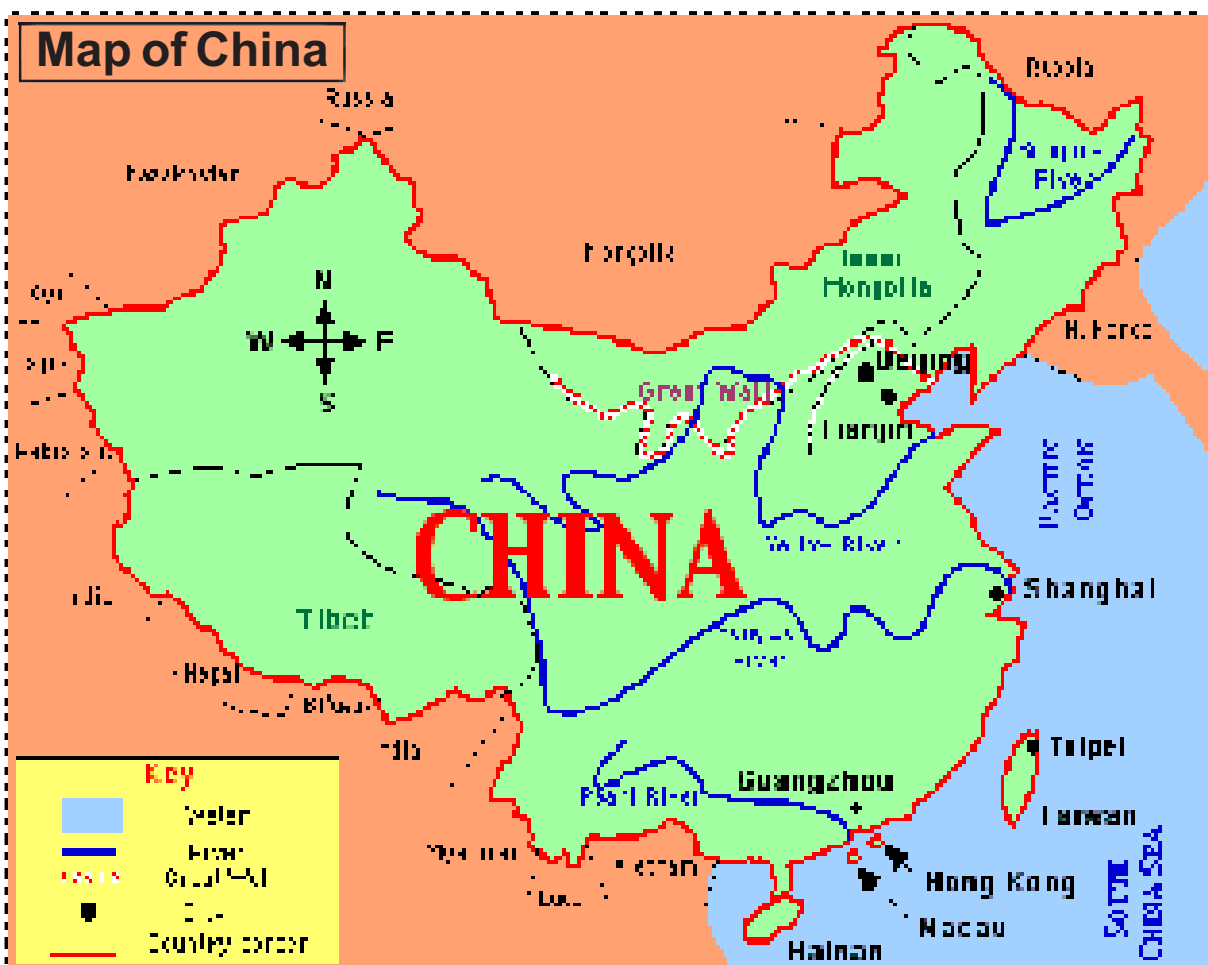


Map Skills:

Read a Map key:

Remember:

1. **Map:** A drawing that shows where places are.
2. **Map key:** List of the symbols on a map.
3. **Compass rose:** Arrows on a map that show direction.
4. **Directions:** North, South, East, and West.



Practice

Use the map key to find

- 1- The names of the rivers on the map.
- 2- Bodies of water located on the borders of China.
- 3- Circle the cities on the map.



Module Two

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