

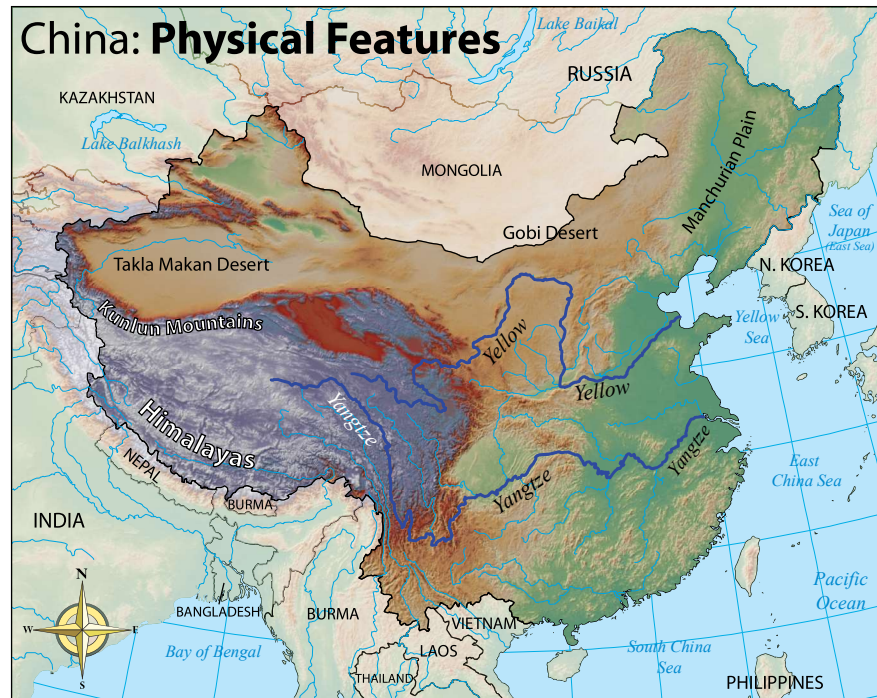
Sample Lesson #2

China: Geography

While China is just a bit smaller in physical size than the United States, (China: 3.7 million sq miles; United States: 3.79 million sq miles), it has the largest population of any country on Earth. **China** is located northeast of India and south of Russia. Western China has huge mountains, plateaus, and deserts. In fact, China contains many of the world's largest landforms.

The northern deserts experience extreme temperatures ranging from 115° F to -40° F. The midsection is also mountainous and hilly, but the elevation decreases as you move east. There are plains areas near China's two longest rivers, the **Yangtze** and the **Yellow River**. This land is fertile and agriculture is an important industry in this region. China's northeastern section has winter temperatures that can reach -20° F. The southeastern tip of China is tropical; there is even a rainforest.

China's natural borders with neighboring countries (14 of them) are the Himalayas, as well as other mountain ranges and vast deserts. These landforms have served to isolate the Chinese people throughout their history.



1. Even though China is slightly smaller than the U.S., the size of China's population is _____.

A) larger than that of the U.S. C) slightly smaller than that of the U.S.
 B) the same as that of the U.S. D) closer in size to Europe

2. Name three countries that border China to the north.

3. In the passage, underline the names of two main rivers that run through China.

4. Name a desert, a mountain range, and a body of water that isolated China from the rest of the world.

desert

mountain range

body of water

5. Human life originated in Africa. From there, many early humans spread out across the world. What were these people doing?

frolicking

migrating

specializing

bartering

6. People often moved around to follow their food. This might mean following a traveling herd or going to new places to forage for seeds, berries, nuts, and other plant life. These early humans had (hunter-gatherer / agricultural) societies.

- 7 – 9. Each belief below belongs in one of the Venn diagrams. Place the letter of each belief in the correct part.

A) Jesus was savior

F) Vedic texts

K) Muhammad was prophet

B) Qur'an and Shariah

G) started in Middle East

L) Tanakh and Talmud

C) reincarnation

H) started in India

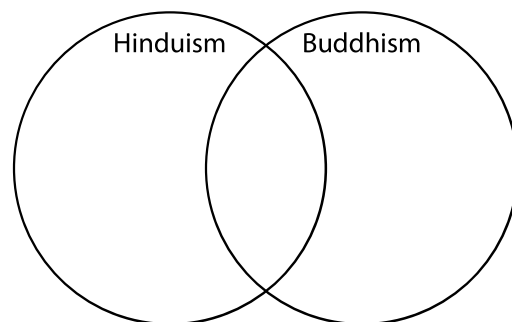
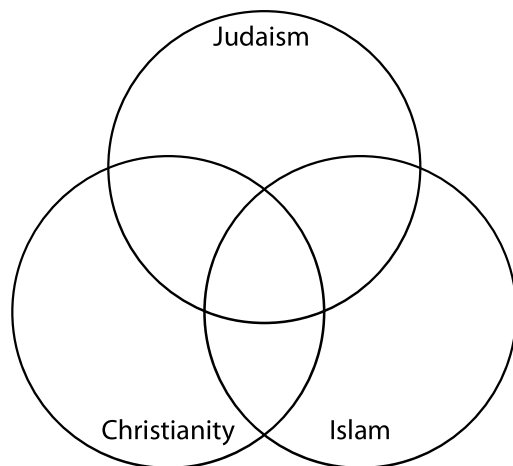
M) The Middle Way

D) karma

I) Abrahamic religions

E) caste system

J) Four Noble Truths and Eightfold Path



10. What are the characteristics of a free market economy?

A) Buyers are told what to buy. Sellers are told what to sell.

B) Buyers can sell what they want. Sellers are told what to sell.

C) Buyers are told what to buy. Sellers can sell what they want.

D) Buyers can buy what they want. Sellers can sell what they want.