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Unit 8: SOUTH & EAST ASIA

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. The Bering Strait separates the eastern edge of Russia from Alaska.
2. The five major world religions that originated in Asia are:
 - a. Hinduism
 - b. Buddhism
 - c. Confucianism
 - d. Taoism
 - e. Shinto
3. At its height, the Mongol Empire covered almost all of modern-day China and Mongolia, and parts of Indochina, Central Asia, and the Middle East.
4. The Ural Mountains in Russia divide the continents of Europe and Asia.
5. Also known as the "Roof of the World," the Tibetan Plateau is the least populated region of Asia.
6. Describe the Gobi Desert. The Gobi is a cold desert mostly of rock and gravel. It straddles the southern border of Mongolia and part of the northern border of China. Weather in the desert can be extremely cold as well as extremely hot, and it is often covered in frost or snow.
7. China and India 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? Ganges River
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? Being isolated from technological developments in other countries made China and Japan ill-equipped to face Western countries who used modern warfare tactics. The way in which China's isolationism was ended—namely by force, and to the advantage of Western countries—was harmful both to the economy of China, and to internal social and political stability. Japan was forced to sign a series of treaties that favored the United States and other countries, and which had little benefit for Japan.
10. The region of Russia east of the Urals is known as Siberia.

11. The country of Pakistan was created in 1947 when India gained independence from Britain, as a haven for Muslim Indians.
12. The Great Wall of China 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? Silk Road
14. What features of the Indian subcontinent make it difficult to invade? The Himalayas in the north, the Hindu Kush in the northwest, and the Deccan Plateau that covers most of the center of India make it physically difficult to invade the subcontinent.
15. The Himalayas are the world's largest mountain range.
16. Briefly describe the British East India Company's involvement in India. From the 17th century the British East India Company (BEIC) had trading posts in India, and was given a monopoly on trade there by the British government. When the Mughal Empire dissolved the BEIC annexed India and ruled it for nearly a hundred years.
17. What is the Indian caste system? It was an ancient hereditary social system that dictated a person's social and economic status within society; historically there was little to no movement or interaction between classes, but the rigidity has eased in modern times.
18. Compare the Korean and Vietnam Wars, including events that sparked the conflict, countries involved, and outcomes. Both wars were fought between Communist and anti-Communist forces; both involved previously united countries that had been split in two, in which the divided governments were fighting to reunify the country under different ideologies; in both wars the Communist governments were aided by China and the Soviet Union, while the anti-Communist forces were aided by the U.S. and other countries; the Korean War only lasted three years and ended with a still-divided Korean Peninsula; the Vietnam War lasted twenty years and ended with the Communist government in control of the entire country (teachers may want to discuss the concept of proxy wars fought as part of the Cold War b/w the U.S. and Russia).
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? Like in Africa, when colonial powers were dividing up territories in South and East Asia they did not take cultural, religious, or ethnic divisions into account. There have been several violent conflicts in several countries (India/Pakistan, Korean Peninsula, Vietnam, Indochina) over the years, especially as countries were seeking independence and establishing their own governments.

CAPITALS: List the capital of each country.

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| a. <u>Colombo</u> , Sri Lanka | j. <u>Dhaka</u> , Bangladesh |
| b. <u>Thimphu</u> , Bhutan | k. <u>Beijing</u> , China |
| c. <u>Taipei</u> , Taiwan | l. <u>Kabul</u> , Afghanistan |
| d. <u>Phnom Penh</u> , Cambodia | m. <u>Hanoi</u> , Vietnam |
| e. <u>Ulaanbaatar</u> , Mongolia | n. <u>Seoul</u> , South Korea |
| f. <u>Malé</u> , Maldives | o. <u>Tokyo</u> , Japan |
| g. <u>New Delhi</u> , India | p. <u>Islamabad</u> , Pakistan |
| h. <u>Vientiane</u> , Laos | q. <u>P'yongyang</u> , North Korea |
| i. <u>Kathmandu</u> , Nepal | r. <u>Bangkok</u> , 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 |

