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## **Asia study guide**

### Middle East

1. What is the name (English and Arabic) of the massive desert on the Arabian Peninsula that is the world's hottest?
2. Which country desalinates the most water in the world to supply its people with water?
3. What country used to be known for its forests?
4. What is the main ethnic group in the Middle East?
5. What religions can be found in the Middle East?
6. How are Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all related?
7. In what ways does Islam influence the culture of the Middle East (minimum of 5 ways)?
8. In which city was Islam created and is now the holiest city of the religion?
9. Who created Islam?
10. What is a Muslim place of worship called?
11. What is the Muslim holy book called?
12. What are the core acts/practices of Islam called? List them.
13. What is the name given to the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca?
14. What does Islam forbid Muslims from eating or drinking?
15. Why do Islamic extremist groups commit terrorist activities?

16. What is Zionism?

17. What is OPEC's purpose?

### South Asia

18. How were the Himalayas created?

19. What are monsoons?

20. What is storm surge? With which natural event is it associated?

21. What are the most important natural resources in India and Bangladesh? Why?

22. What religions can be found in South Asia? In which country is each located?

23. What is the strict Indian social class system based on occupation called?

24. How does the Indian social class system dictate and impact society?

25. Why are problems from the Indian social class system proving difficult to solve?

26. What type of country is India economically? Why?

27. Sikhism is a blend of which 2 other religions? What aspects does it take from each?

28. Why was India split into different countries following its independence?

29. What is the spiritual/religious goal of Hindus?

30. Define karma according to Hindus.

31. Define dharma.

32. What is the spiritual/religious goal of Buddhists?

33. List the 4 Noble Truths of Buddhism.

34. What is the source of India's current issues?

35. Which South Asian country has the highest population density in the world?

36. Why have population control efforts failed in India?

### East and Southeast Asia

37. What is "China's Sorrow"? Why?

38. What natural disasters is Japan prone to experiencing? Why?

39. What is a tsunami? How are tsunamis created?

40. What is a typhoon?

41. How is the climate of Japan and the Koreas shaped?

42. What is the world's largest hydroelectric dam called, and where is it located?

43. What are the positives and negatives of this new dam?

44. How do volcanoes prove to be a benefit?

45. Which country is the world's leading producer of rubber?

46. Why did the Chinese build the Great Wall?

47. What provided at least some cultural influence in all East Asian countries?

48. Which Southeast Asian country was conquered and culturally influenced by China?

49. How are East and Southeast Asian religions different from other religions?

50. What is the basic belief of Daoism?

51. What does ASEAN stand for? What is its purpose?

52. What factors determine where cities form?

53. What is a world city? Give examples.

54. What is a globalizing city? Give examples?

55. What key problem are globalizing cities facing?

56. What are kampongs? What is the only city in Southeast Asia that doesn't have any?