Many Asian cities, such as Hong Kong City, are very large.

Illiteracy is another problem. People in illiterate areas have difficulty reading and writing. Literacy is the ability to read and write. Reading and writing are important skills that help people learn and communicate. In some parts of Asia, many people are illiterate.

Developing nations are countries that are in the early stages of development. These nations are working to improve their economies and societies. Developing nations often face challenges such as poverty, lack of education, and political instability.

In developing nations, most people earn very little money. The standard of living is low. Hunger and poverty are common problems. People in these countries need help to improve their living conditions.

People & Places

People
- Bangladesh
- Mohandas Gandhi
- Singapore

Places
- Tradition
- Trade
- Partners
- Green Revolution
- Export
- Developed nations
- Illiteracy
- Poverty
- Developing nations

New Words

- In what ways is Japan industrialized?
- What are some of the problems that developing nations face?
- In Asia, there are many forests and deserts. The Himalayas are in Asia. The world's highest mountains are in the Himalayas.
The Green Revolution is a way to grow more food. Some of these methods come from the past. But farmers in India are using new ways to grow food. They learn to grow enough food for all of the people. Less than half of India's people know how to read. It is hard to grow enough food for all of the people. Less than half of India's people know how to read.

India is a large developing nation in southern Asia. India has more than 956 million people. It is the most crowded nation in southern Asia. Religions have caused wars.

The main religions in Asia are Islam, Christianity, and Hinduism. Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam are the main religions in Asia. At times, conflicts about these religions have caused wars.

Religions is very important in many Asian nations. Religion is a large part of living in these nations. These nations are developing. These nations are developed. Other nations in Asia have become modern.

Many people cannot read or write. Many developing nations are trying to build new factories. This means people cannot read or write.
Government is helping farmers use modern methods.

India is working to become a developed nation. The

Today India is the world's largest democracy.

have continued to have many fears about religion.

the religious problems in India. Since then, Indians

was assessed by a Hindu who was angry about

1948, Mahatma Gandhi to end the fighting. But in 1948, Mahatma Gandhi

leaders of the two religious groups are

people to think about how the fighting was hurting

the Hindus and the Muslims of India. He helped

Gandhi, needed to end the fighting between

the Hindus and the Muslims of India. The Hindus

independent nation. India became a democracy

in the process. Finally in 1947 India became an

and 1930s, Gandhi led many peaceful protests

and stop buying British goods. During the 1920s

rule. He told Indians to stop obeying British laws

India become an independent nation again. He said

by the British. One man, Mahatma Gandhi, helped

India did not want their country to be ruled

ways of farming that use more information, more

Mohandas Gandhi helped bring peace and freedom to India.
Japan is also a democracy. But unlike India, Japan is a very crowded Asian nation.

Like India, Japan is a very crowded Asian nation. People were left without homes.

More than 2,000 people were killed. More than 25 million people were left homeless. The worst floods in the history of Bangladesh include the floods in 1988 Bangladesh. Like India, the people of Bangladesh are poor. People in the eastern part of Bangladesh are separated by India. The people of Pakistan were Muslim nation called Pakistan. People in the northwestern and northwest parts of India became Muslim nation called Pakistan. The two parts of Pakistan were separated in 1947. Some of Indias Muslims settled in the new countries. Each year more schools are built to grow food. New factories make cars, clothing, and food. In Bangladesh, there are millions of people without homes.
ways to make their lives better. They are looking to the future. They are trying to find new ways to enjoy religions, music, clothing, and dances from long ago. However, people in Asia enjoy news and activities like movies, baseball, and soccer. Today, many people in Asia's industrial nations enjoy Western activities, but Asia is becoming a modern nation.

China. China is becoming a modern nation. But it is still a communist nation. It buys enough products from the United States. It has a large enough population to buy many more American products than it already does. Japan thinks it is a partner in trade. The United States is one of Japan's main trading partners. This means that Japan buys the nations' products and exports many raw materials to make cars, televisions, radios, and new factories. It also buys many products from other nations. The United States exports thousands of new factories. Today, the Japanese are helping their nation stay important in Indonesia.

1. More than half of the world's population is in Asia.

2. Most people in industrial nations do not make as much money as do people in developing nations.

3. During World War II, the nation called India was divided into two parts: India and Pakistan.

4. Only a small part of the land of Japan is used for farming.

5. Terrible floods in 1988 left millions of people without homes.

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Finish Up

Choose a word in dark print to best complete each sentence.

Read and Remember

- collect
- taxes
- buy
- goods
- refuse
to buy products from one another.

Nations that are trading partners read or write grown crops and jobs to know how to elect or punish leaders.

Countries that have a problem with illiteracy have many people who do not elect leaders.

A leader who has been assassinated has been forgotten for many years.

Leaders of many nations have traditions of the time money power each other.

Poverty means having very little money or resources in each sentence.

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Using Vocabulary

Using what you learned...
6. What is the capital city of India?

3. What are the two nations between Russia and China?

4. What is the largest island nation in East of South Korea?

2. What country in Asia is the largest?

1. What country shares India's northeastern border?

Today, study the map. Then write the answer to each question. Look at the map of Asia on page 113. This map shows how Asia is divided. Some political maps show how a continent is divided by nations, and the borders between nations. Different colors are used to show different nations. Sometimes colors are used more than once. Today, study the map. Then write the answer to each question. Look at the map of Asia on page 113. This map shows how Asia is divided. Some political maps show how a continent is divided by nations, and the borders between nations. Different colors are used to show different nations. Sometimes colors are used more than once.

Reading A Political Map: A political map shows how areas of land are divided.
About how many more people lived in India than in Japan in 1995?

About how many more people lived in India in 1995 than in 1980?

Which nation's population only increased a small amount from 1980 to 1995?

Which nation has more people?

What color are the bars that show the population of Japan?

![Bar Graph]

Read the double bar graph to answer each question.

Study the graph. Then write the Japan changed from 1980 to 1995.

How the populations of India and bars. This double bar graph shows

Read the double bar graph compares

Skill Builder

that tell some of the ways that Gandhi worked to help India.

Gandhi was a very important leader in India's history. Write a few sentences

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