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# Asia

## *Lesson 1: Physical and Political Characteristics*

### **LOCATION**

1. Turn to the Continents and Oceans map on page 2. Use the map to complete the table below.

Description	Name
Continent west of Asia	
Continent southwest of Asia	
Continent southeast of Asia	
Ocean north of Asia	
Ocean east of Asia	
Ocean south of Asia	

### **REGIONS**

2. Use the Land Cover Map of Asia on pages 84–85 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer(s).
- What is the land cover for the Arabian Peninsula?  
 cropland                      desert                      tundra                      grassland
  - What is the land cover for most of Siberia north of the Arctic Circle?  
 cropland                      desert                      tundra                      grassland
  - What is the land cover for most of Kazakhstan?  
 grassland                      glacier                      semi-desert                      tundra
  - What is the land cover for Borneo near the Equator?  
 grassland                      glacier                      semi-desert                      tropical rain forest
  - What are the two land covers for the Indochina Peninsula?  
 cropland                      semi-desert                      tundra                      tropical rain forest
  - What is the land cover for Severnaya Zemlya at 80°N?  
 tundra                      glacier                      cropland                      grassland
  - Which of the following land covers **cannot** be found near the Tropic of Cancer?  
 desert                      cropland                      tundra                      tropical rain forest

**PLACE**

3. Use the Political Map on pages 86–87 to complete the following sentences.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ is Asia’s northernmost country.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ is Asia’s southernmost country.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ is the S-shaped country on the South China Sea.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ is the landlocked country between China and Russia.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ is the country on the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ is the country between the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal.
  
4. Use the Political Map to complete the table below.

Country	Capital
Philippines	
Vietnam	
India	
Thailand	
Indonesia	
Japan	
China	

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5. Use the Political Map to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write T or F in the space provided.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ China and India surround Nepal.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ South Korea is between the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ India is on the Pacific Ocean.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Laos is a landlocked country.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ Moscow, the capital of Russia, is in Asia.
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ In Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City is larger than Da Nang.
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_ Uzbekistan is on the Caspian Sea.
  - h. \_\_\_\_\_ China and Japan share a border.
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ The Equator crosses Indonesia.