

Visual Summary

Use the visual summary below to help you review the main ideas of the chapter.



Central Asia is a dry, rugged region. However, people use irrigation to grow cotton, the region's main crop.



Some people follow traditional ways of life. For example, nomads move their yurts from place to place.



Central Asia faces environmental, economic, and political challenges. One challenge is the Aral Sea's shrinking.

QUICK FACTS

Reviewing Vocabulary, Terms, and Places

Unscramble each group of letters below to spell a term that matches the given definition.

- mnodsa**—people who move often from place to place
- yrddnal mrignaf**—farming that relies on rainfall, not irrigation
- tryu**—a moveable round house of wool felt mats hung over a wood frame
- ssblhieat**—to set up or create
- fgrenaa vlyela**—fertile region that has been a center of farming for thousands of years
- tlbania**—a radical Muslim group
- dknaddleo**—completely surrounded by land with no direct access to the ocean
- kluba**—the capital of Afghanistan
- aabler**—suitable for growing crops
- aalr sae**—body of water that is shrinking because of use of water for irrigation

Comprehension and Critical Thinking

SECTION 1 (Pages 244–247)

- Describe** How are farmers able to grow crops in Central Asia's dry landscapes?
 - Analyze** What factors make it difficult for the countries of Central Asia to export their oil and gas resources?
 - Evaluate** Do you think Central Asia's location or its mountains do more to keep the region isolated? Explain your answer.

SECTION 2 (Pages 248–252)

- Describe** How did life in Central Asia change under Russian and Soviet rule?
 - Analyze** In what ways do the people of Central Asia show their pride in their past and their culture?
 - Evaluate** Why do you think many former nomads now live in cities? Why do you think other people still choose to live as nomads?

SECTION 3 (Pages 253–257)

- 13. a. Identify** What are some reforms that have taken place in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban?
- b. Analyze** How does having a limited amount of arable land affect Tajikistan's economy?
- c. Elaborate** How do you think political and environmental challenges in Central Asia affect the region's economy?

Using the Internet

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- 14. Activity: Writing Home** For thousands of years, nomads have traveled the lands of Central Asia. They move their herds to several different pasture areas as the seasons change. Enter the activity keyword and join a caravan of nomads. Find out what it is like to pack up your house, clothes, and all you own as you move from place to place. Then create a postcard to share your adventures with friends and family back home in the United States.

FOCUS ON READING AND VIEWING

- 15. Using Context Clues** Look through your book for examples of restatement. Note one or two examples of restatement for each section of the chapter.
- 16. Giving a Travel Presentation** Review your notes and select one country in Central Asia your audience might want to visit. Look for pictures of at least five locations in that country: buildings, monuments, or other interesting places. As you plan your presentation, create a brief introduction, a brief description of each location and its picture, and a conclusion. Hold up each picture and point out important features as you make your presentation.

As you watch your classmates' presentations, view and listen carefully. Make note of their eye contact with the audience, use of gestures to add interest, use of interesting pictures, and persuasiveness.

Social Studies Skills

Using Scale Use the physical map of Central Asia in Section 1 to answer the following questions.

- 17.** How many miles does one inch represent?
- 18.** How far is it from the shore of the Caspian Sea to Ismail Samani Peak?
- 19.** How many kilometers long is the Amu Darya?

Map Activity

Interactive

- 20. Central Asia** On a separate sheet of paper, match the letters on the map with their correct labels.

Aral Sea

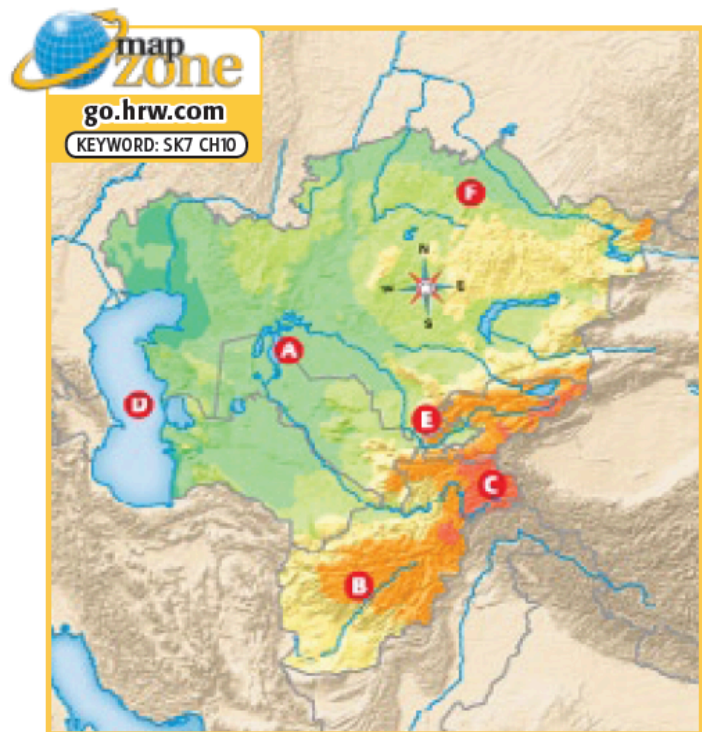
Caspian Sea

Afghanistan

Pamirs

Astana, Kazakhstan

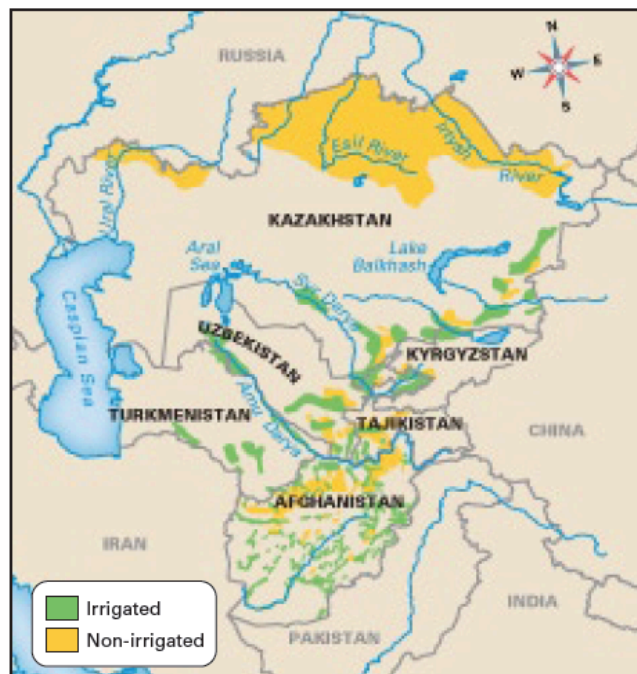
Tashkent, Uzbekistan



DIRECTIONS: Read questions 1 through 7 and write the letter of the best response. Then read question 8 and write your own well-constructed response.

- 1** What is the main crop grown in Central Asia?
 - A wheat
 - B olives
 - C cotton
 - D corn
- 2** Which of the following descriptions *best* describes the landscape of Central Asia?
 - A dry and rugged
 - B dry and flat
 - C humid and landlocked
 - D humid and cold
- 3** How did the Arabs influence Central Asia in the 700s and 800s?
 - A separated ethnic groups
 - B destroyed cities and irrigation systems
 - C built railroads and expanded oil production
 - D introduced Islam
- 4** Which of the following statements about the nomadic lifestyle is false?
 - A Nomads move their herds depending on the season.
 - B Nomads decorate their yurts with carpets.
 - C It is a symbol of the region's heritage.
 - D Nomads often move from one dwelling to another.
- 5** What country did the Taliban rule?
 - A Kazakhstan
 - B Afghanistan
 - C Kyrgyzstan
 - D Uzbekistan

Farmland in Central Asia



- 6** Based on the map above, what country has the most non-irrigated farmland?
 - A Kazakhstan
 - B Tajikistan
 - C Turkmenistan
 - D Uzbekistan
- 7** Based on the map above and your knowledge of the physical geography of Central Asia, what is the main reason there is little farmland in eastern Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan?
 - A There are too many rivers.
 - B Most people live as nomads there.
 - C The area is too mountainous.
 - D The area is a desert.
- 8** **Extended Response** Using the map and your knowledge of Central Asia, write a brief essay explaining how irrigation has affected the region.