

SECTION 1 GEOGRAPHY

Use with South Asia Geography & History,
Sections 1.1–1.6, in your textbook.

1.1–1.6 Review and Assessment

Follow the instructions below to review what you have learned in this section.

Vocabulary Next to each vocabulary word, write the letter of the correct definition.

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| 1. ___ subcontinent | A. the process of liquid becoming gas |
| 2. ___ drought | B. making the environment unclean or contaminated |
| 3. ___ elevation | C. a seasonal wind that brings powerful rainfall |
| 4. ___ plate | D. the soil deposits at the mouth of a river |
| 5. ___ arable | E. a rigid section of the earth's crust |
| 6. ___ evaporation | F. the height above sea level |
| 7. ___ monsoon | G. a long period of little or no rainfall |
| 8. ___ conservation | H. land that is suitable for farming |
| 9. ___ delta | I. protection of the environment |
| 10. ___ pollution | J. a separate region of a continent |

Main Ideas Use what you've learned about South Asia's geography to answer these questions.

11. Summarize What are the major river systems in South Asia?

12. Explain What challenges would living at high elevations cause?

13. Make Inferences Why do you think that farmers in the Himalayas grow only enough food for themselves and their families?

14. Describe What happens during the dry monsoon season?

15. Connect Why are wet monsoons important to agriculture in South Asia?

16. Identify and Explain What is South Asia's most valuable resource and how is it used?

17. Explain On what farming methods did the Green Revolution in India rely?

18. Make Inferences Why are South Asian governments encouraging farmers to use sustainable methods?

19. Draw Conclusions Why is the conservation of rivers in India a national issue?

20. Summarize What are the major causes of drought in Bangladesh?

Focus Skill: Analyze Cause and Effect

Answer the questions below to analyze how South Asia's water systems impact its people.

21. What is the connection between the Himalaya Mountains and the region's largest rivers?

26. Why do scientists refer to parts of the Ganges River as "dead"?

22. Describe the area where the Brahmaputra River joins the Ganges.

27. How is pollution affecting other rivers in South Asia besides the Ganges?

23. Why is it important to conserve the Ganges River and the Ganges Delta?

28. Why is South Asia facing the problem of scarce water?

24. What are the benefits and challenges brought by the seasonal monsoons?

29. Why is South Asia experiencing more flooding in certain regions?

25. In which areas in South Asia is the population density highest, and why?

30. How are citizens facing the challenge of South Asia's water crisis?

Synthesize: Answer the Essential Question

How do South Asia's water systems affect how people in the region live? Consider information you have learned about South Asia. Think about the pollution, land use, and climate and how they impact life in the region.
