

# Global Studies Bell Work Quarter 4, Week 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## Monday – Review from last quarter

1. How did British colonization impact India today?
2. What are some basic beliefs of Confucianism?
3. During which two Chinese dynasties was China ruled by outsiders?
4. What was the goal of the Boxer Rebellion in China?
5. The best part of my spring break was...

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## Tuesday and Wednesday – East Asia Museum Days

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## Thursday – Reading Comprehension

### Desertification:

The environment in many parts of the world is very fragile. It is in the dry regions of the Eastern Hemisphere that the activities of man have been the most destructive to the natural environment. In many areas, man's efforts to irrigate the desert land have resulted in "desertification." This term is used to refer to those dry lands where the environment has been altered with a resulting increase in the amount of desert.

In some dry regions, desertification occurs when man, wind, and **deficient** rainfall have caused the destruction of the natural environment. This has been the case where animals have overgrazed the short-grass region surrounding the desert. The overgrazing removed the short grasses, and in years of deficient rainfall, the winds blow away large amounts of topsoil. This results in an increase in the size of the desert.

South of the Sahara Desert, a region known as the Sahel was a broad band of short grasses where nomadic people grazed their animals. Although the region was dry and the grasses were **sparse**, it did provide grazing for animals. Overgrazing during exceptionally dry years resulted in the destruction of the sparse short grasses and the Sahel becoming a part of the Sahara Desert. The size of the Sahara Desert has actually been increasing by overgrazing in the Sahel during years that were drier than normal.

1. Using context clues, write a definition for the following terms.
  - a. Deficient –
  - b. Sparse –
2. What is desertification? What causes it?
3. What has been the impact of desertification in Africa?

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## Friday Flashback – Identify the following landforms based on the picture.

