

Intro to South Asia: Geography, Early Civs & Empires

Name: _____ Period: _____

Directions: Use your textbook to answer the questions that follow.

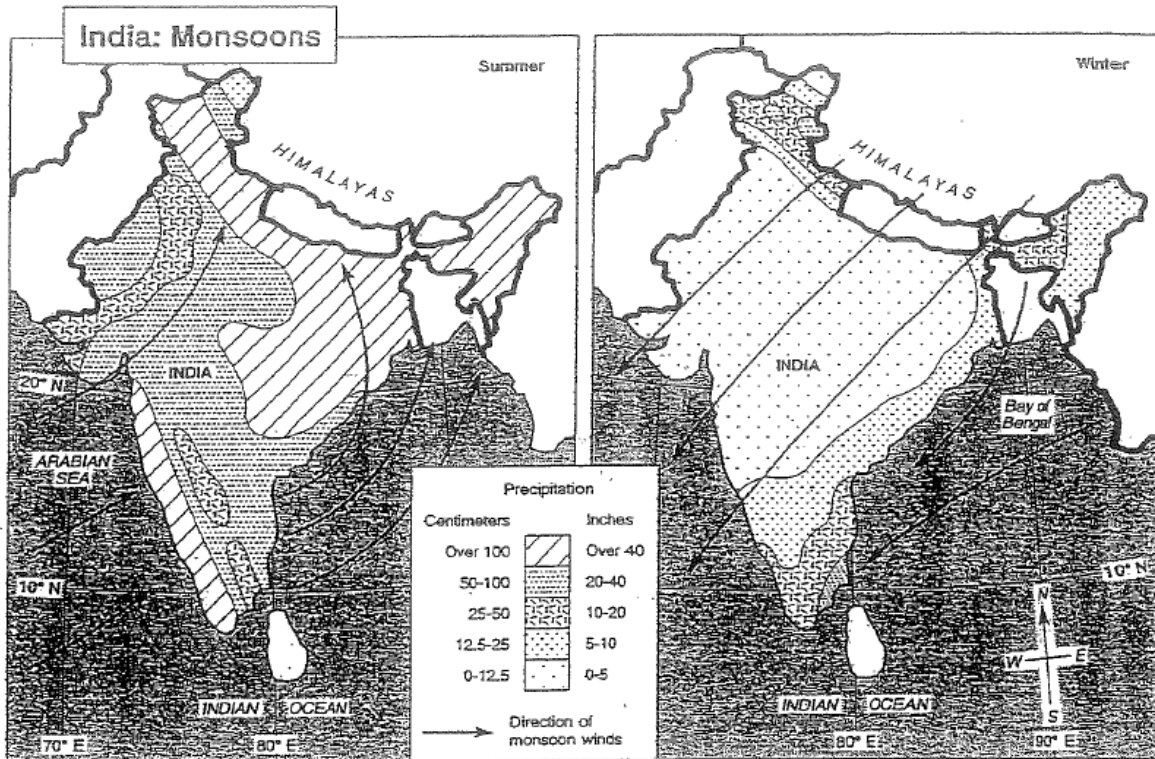
- In this unit, we will be studying the countries of South Asia. **Turn to the Atlas page 709.** Locate these countries using their coordinates.
 - 20°N, 80°E - _____
 - 8°N, 81°E - _____
 - 30°N, 70°E - _____
 - 28°N, 85°E - _____
 - 5°N, 73°E - _____
 - 23½°N, 90°E - _____
 - 28°N, 90°E - _____
- What is the capital of India? _____ What is its absolute location? _____
- What is the capital of Pakistan? _____ What is its absolute location? _____
- Turn to **page 543.** In what country is Mt. Everest located? _____
- Look at the **Precipitation** map on **page 544.** According to the map, what is the difference between wet & dry monsoons? _____
- Use the content and Population map on **page 554** to answer the following questions:
 - Define “urbanization.” _____
 - Why do many move to cities? _____
 - What regions of India are the least populated? _____
 - What geographic feature attracts the most settlement? _____
- Use the **Religions map** and **pie graph** on **page 557** to identify the main religions of the following countries:
 - Bhutan – _____
 - India – _____
 - Pakistan - _____
 - Sri Lanka _____
- Turn to page 471. The two cities located on the Indus River in Pakistan are _____ and _____.
- Using **pages 542 to 545**, for each of the following, write ONE sentence explaining how it affects life on the Indian subcontinent.
 - Physical Features – _____
 - Climate – _____
 - Natural Resources - _____
- Look at the **Aryan Migrations** map on page **477.** In what general direction did the Aryan people travel? _____
- The map on **page 488** shows the spread of Buddhism.
 - Buddhism began north of what body of water? _____
 - To what island of India did Buddhism spread? _____

12. Turn to **page 491**. Use the **Mauryan Empire** map to answer the following questions:

- Name 3 specific landforms located within the Mauryan Empire. _____, _____, and _____.
- What problems might the large empire's size caused its rulers?

13. Using the **Maurya Empire** map on **page 491** and the **Gupta Empire** map on **page 492**, compare the locations of the empire. How were they similar? How were they different?

14. Compare the maps below. Then complete the paragraph that follows.



In winter, the monsoon winds blow in a _____ direction, bringing cool, dry air to India. In winter, the average precipitation in most parts of the country is about _____. The coastal areas along the _____ tip of India receive precipitation of 10-40 inches during the winter.

In summer, the monsoon winds blow in a _____ direction, picking up moisture from the _____ Ocean, _____ Sea, and Bay of _____. During the summer months, the eastern part of India receives _____ of rainfall. Because the _____ block the monsoon rains by causing the winds to drop their moisture on the mountains' southern slopes, the northernmost parts of India remain _____ all year long.