

WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

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REGIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL HANDOUT PACKET FOR TEST 3

- SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
- CENTRAL ASIA
- SOUTH ASIA
- EAST ASIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

- ✓ “_____ of Pangea” → poor rivers (_____) & lack of natural _____
→ good for _____
- ✓ Divergence = _____
 - _____ mountains;
- ✓ Climate: _____ equator
 - Tropical soils = _____

Climate Key

- Rainforest
- Desert
- Savannah

Environmental Issues

- ✓ Deforestation
- ✓ _____
- ✓ _____
- ✓ Lack of clean fresh _____
- ✓ Resource _____
- **Results of:** poor _____,
overuse & _____

CENTRAL ASIA

Physical Geography

Tectonics: Cont. - _____

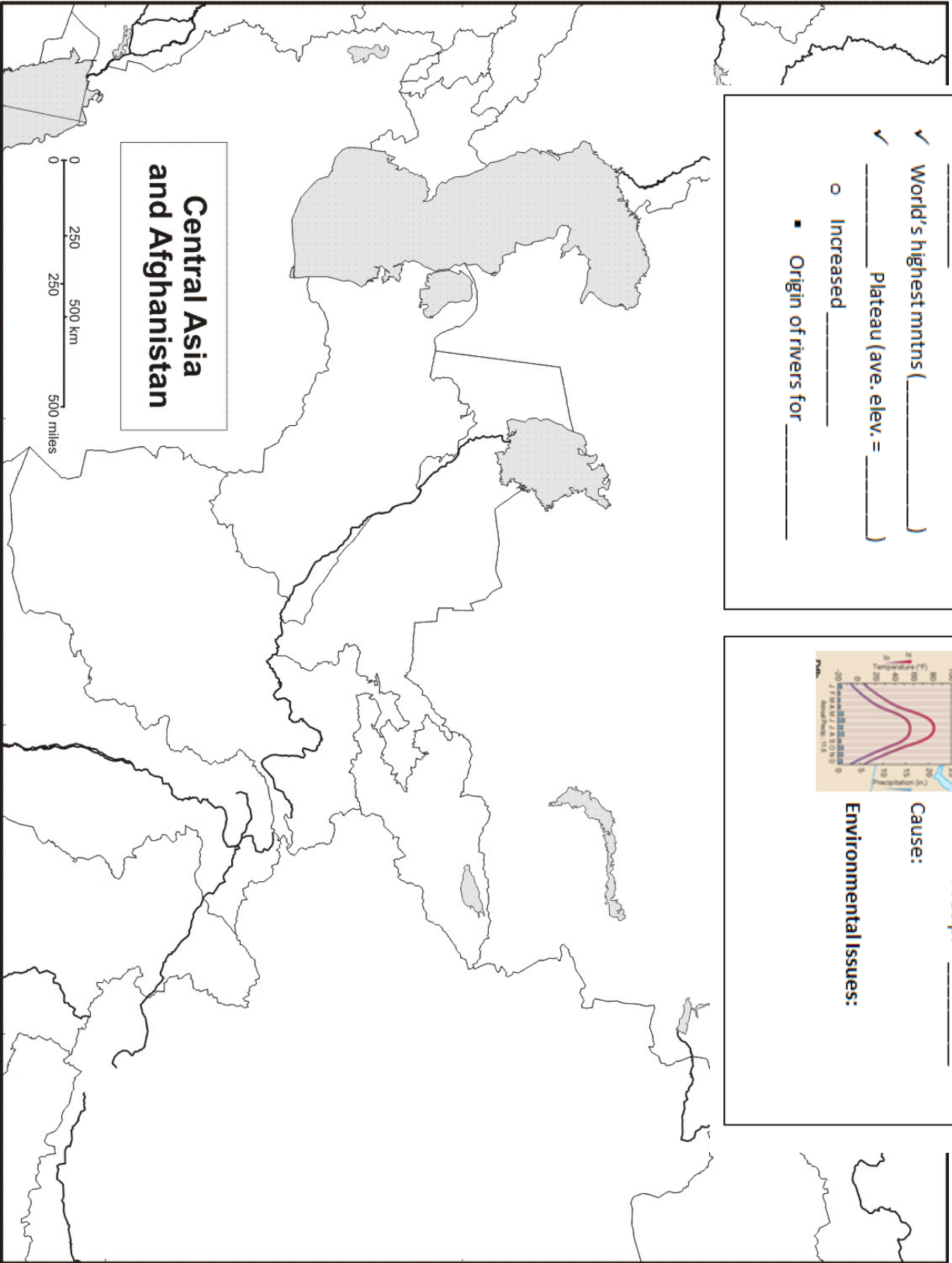
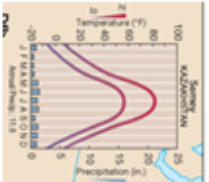
- ✓ _____
- ✓ World's highest mtns (_____)
- ✓ _____ Plateau (ave. elev. = _____)
- Increased _____
- Origin of rivers for _____

Climate: Extreme – Temp. range = _____

Precip. = _____

Cause: _____

Environmental Issues: _____



Lambert Conformal Conic Projection

Roy Cole

CENTRAL ASIA

AFGHANISTAN

***Physical geography** of Afghanistan is a _____ maze of _____ - impossible conventional fighting terrain

***Historically**, Persians, Arabs, Mongols, Alexander the Great, and the British all attempted to _____ Afghanistan and all _____.

* **Ethnically** of the hundreds of tribes this ethnic group comprises the majority: _____

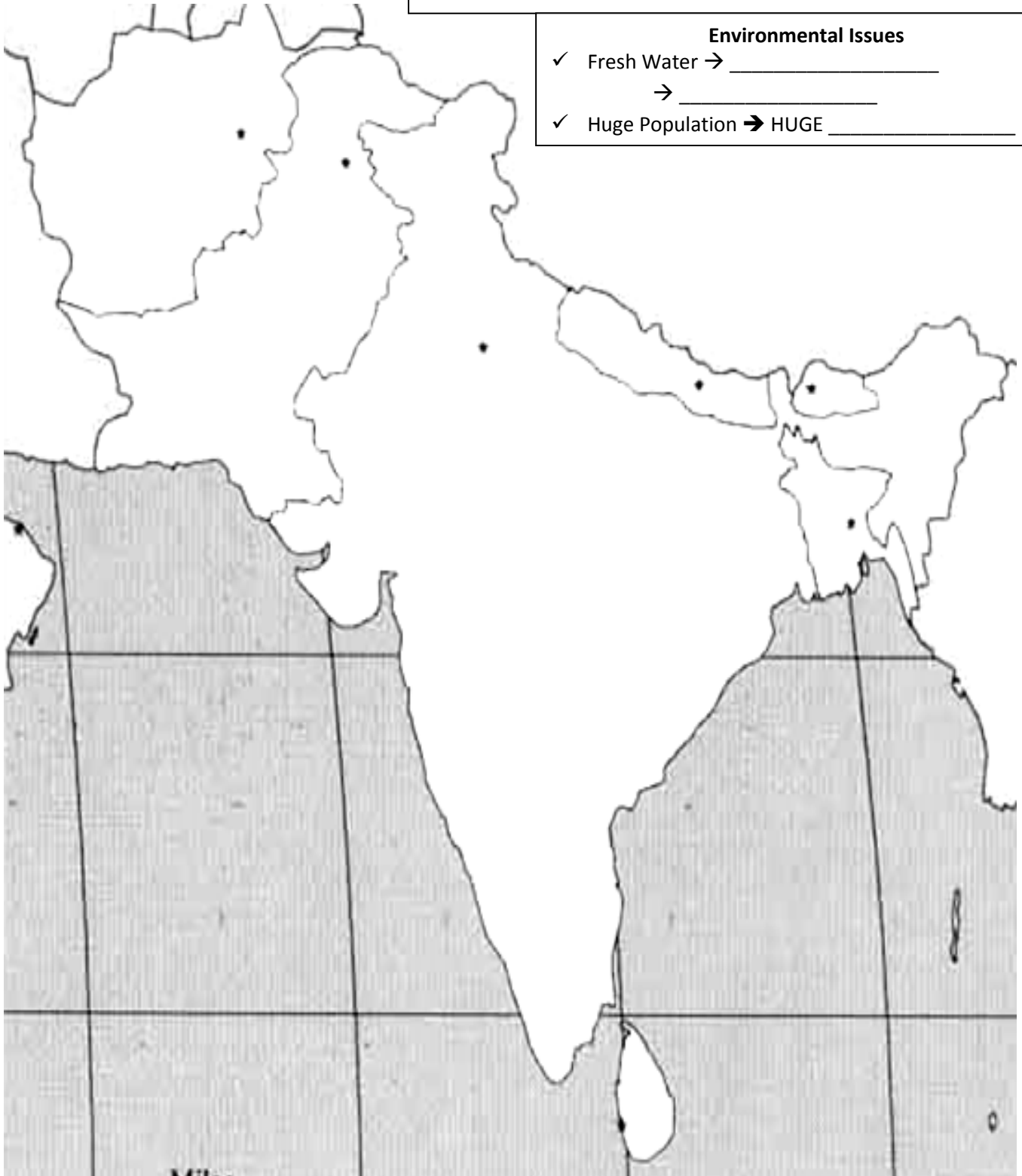


RECENT HISTORY

- 1979 _____ invades (*actually invited in to prop up new Marxist Gov't*)
- _____ ("Islamic Freedom Fighters") **successfully** resist! With help from _____
- _____ USSR forced out (and crumbling); _____ leaves as well (*i.e. Mission Accomplished*)
- New vacuum of control leads to civil war, winners = _____ ("religious scholars")
- Creates safe haven for Muslim extremists, leading to **9/11** and _____ invasion in _____

SOUTH ASIA

N	Physical Geography
↓	Tectonically active! Continental-Continental _____
	✓ _____-Volcanic mountains:
	Civilizations= _____ valleys:
S	Central _____ Plateau. "Southern Ghats"
	_____ dependent climate (_____ wind shift=RAINS)
	Environmental Issues
	✓ Fresh Water → _____
	→ _____
	✓ Huge Population → HUGE _____

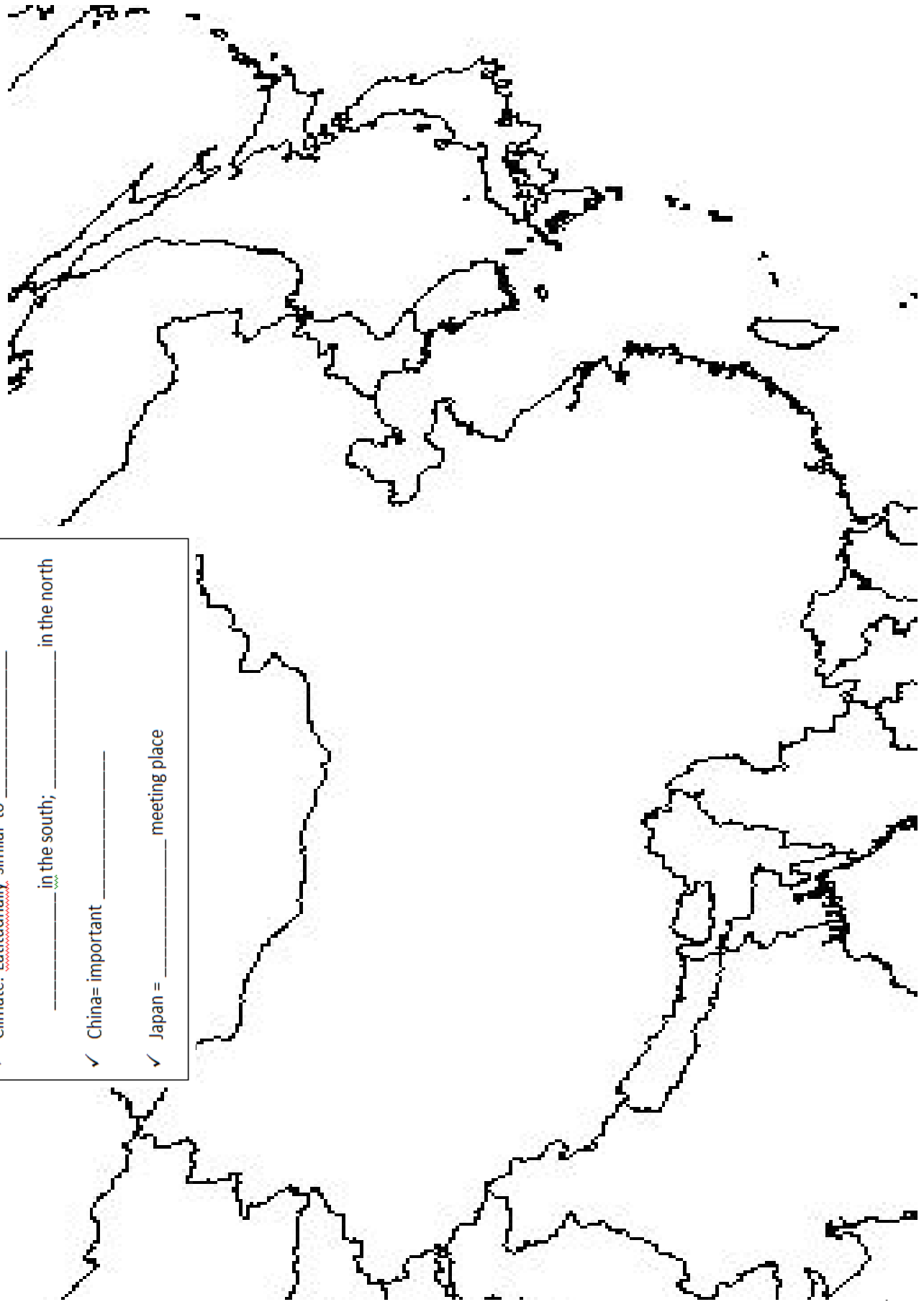


SOUTH ASIA



EAST ASIA PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

- ✓ Climate: Latitudinally similar to _____
_____ in the south; _____ in the north
- ✓ China= important _____
- ✓ Japan = _____ meeting place



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What are the 5 basic **introductory points** to know about Sub-Saharan Africa?
2. Explain the **Physical Geography** of Sub-Saharan Africa:
 - ✓ Explain the general physical geography (the blanks we filled in)
 - ✓ Describe the specific physical features we noted in class, their formation (where applicable) and their importance
 - ✓ Be able to locate these important features on a map
 - ✓ Describe the general climate patterns found throughout the region (explain the basic reasons for the different climates using the 5 variables from class)
 - ✓ How does the physical geography explain the other themes (e.g. population distribution, agricultural/economic activity, etc.)
3. What are the general **population** characteristics of the region (total numbers, TFR, LE,)? Where does the majority of the population reside? What are the density patterns in the region?
4. What is the history of migration within and out of Africa?
5. Why is Africa so diverse **culturally**?
6. Explain the **cultural pattern** of Africa (lang/religion in North vs. South)
7. Explain the **geopolitical evolution** of Africa and the consequences that have occurred as a result of the process by which Africa was colonized.
8. How does Sub-Saharan Africa compare to the rest of the world in terms of **economic and social development**? What are the **reasons** for this?
9. What specific social and economic problems are there?
10. What environmental issues face Africa??

Add the following to your world regional timeline

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| ✓ Bantu Migration | ☑ European Colonization |
| ✓ Berlin Conference | ☑ Independence period |

CENTRAL ASIA REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What are the 5 basic **introductory points** to know about Central Asia?
2. Explain the **Physical Geography** of Central Asia:
 - ✓ Explain the general physical geography (the blanks we filled in)
 - ✓ Describe the specific physical features we noted in class, their formation (where applicable) and their importance
 - ✓ Be able to locate these important features on a map
 - ✓ Describe the general climate patterns found throughout the region (explain the basic reasons for the different climates using the 5 variables from class)
 - ✓ What environmental issues does the region face (as a result of what)?
 - ✓ How does the physical geography explain the other themes (e.g. population distribution, agricultural/economic activity, etc.)
3. What does the **population** of the region look like in terms of density and concentration? How has/is migration changing the region?
4. What are the **cultural** characteristics of the region? Much of the area was united under what empire? What languages are spoken in the different countries? What religions are dominant in the region, where are they clustered, and what are their characteristics?
5. What is the **geopolitical** history of the region? (the “stans” and Western China)
6. What is the economic **development** of the region (in the past and since the fall of the USSR)? Are there resources?
7. What social issues are confronting the region (especially since the fall of the USSR and in Tibet?)

SOUTH ASIA REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What are the 5 basic **introductory points** to know about South Asia?
2. Explain the **Physical Geography** of the Russian Domain:
 - ✓ Explain the general physical geography (the blanks we filled in)
 - ✓ Describe the specific physical features we noted in class, their formation (where applicable) and their importance
 - ✓ Describe the general climate patterns found throughout the region (explain the basic reasons for the different climates using the 5 variables from class)
 - ✓ How does the physical geography explain the other themes (e.g. population distribution, agricultural/economic activity, etc.)
3. What stage of the demographic transition theory is the region in? What are the migration patterns in the region? What helped cause the massive urban migration and what have been the results for the rural and urban areas?
4. Religions:
 - ✓ What is the Caste System, explain the basics. Where did it come from?
 - ✓ What is Hinduism? The Major tenets, etc. Where is it concentrated?
 - ✓ What is Buddhism? Major tenets, etc. (how is it related and how does it differ from Hinduism?) Where is it concentrated?
 - ✓ What is Sikhism? What is Jainism? How are they related to Hinduism
 - ✓ Where is Islam dominant and how did it get roots in the region?
10. What language families exist? Where is the divide? How are Indian states arranged? How many official languages does India have?
11. Explain the **geopolitical** history of the region? Who were the Mughals? When was Britain there, how did they leave, how was the region rearranged after they left? What issues face the region today (Kashmir, Punjab, Sri Lanka)?
12. What was the post independence development strategy? How did that change in the 1990's? What are the development characteristics of the region today?. What social and environmental issues confront the region?

ADD THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR WORLD TIMELINE

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| ✓ Indus Valley Civilizations (~2000 BCE) | ✓ Rule of "Muslim Powers" |
| ✓ Aryans arrive (~1500 BCE) | ✓ Birth of Sikhism |
| ✓ Buddha's Life | ✓ Ruled by British |
| ✓ Hindu Vedas collected (1500-600 BCE) | ✓ Partition of South Asia |
| ✓ Jainism emerges | |

EAST ASIA REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What countries make up East Asia and what are the 5 basic **introductory points** to know?
2. Explain the **Physical Geography** of East Asia:
 - ✓ Explain the general physical geography (the blanks we filled in)
 - ✓ Describe the specific physical features we noted in class, their formation (where applicable) and their importance
 - ✓ Be able to locate these important features on a map
 - ✓ Describe the general climate patterns found throughout the region (explain the basic reasons for the different climates using the 5 variables from class)
 - ✓ How does the physical geography explain the other themes (e.g. population distribution, agricultural/economic activity, etc.)
3. Where is the **population** of the region concentrated and why? What stage of the Dem. Trans. Theory is it in? Which places are fully urban? What are the migratory trends?
4. What is the “**cultural history**” of the region; what are the languages, writing systems and ethnicities present today?
5. Religion:
 - ✓ Describe each religion briefly
 - ✓ Where are the religions distributed?
6. Explain the **geopolitical timelines** of China, Japan and the recent events in the Koreas
7. Use the **Development** timeline to answer the following:
 - ✓ How has Japan developed since WWII (what model of development, with whose help) and what have been the results today (economic/social position)?
 - ✓ How has China developed since the 1949 civil war (what strategies, ideologies, or plans have been used, were they successful, how have things changed since Mao’s death)?

ADD THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR WORLD TIMELINE

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| ✓ Establishment of Confucianism | ✓ Warring States Period in China |
| ✓ End of Chinese Civil War | ✓ Japanese Empire (1850-1947) |
| ✓ Chinese Dynasties | ✓ Taoism |
| ✓ 1 st emperor Qin’s Rule (259-210BCE)
[“China’s beginnings”] | ✓ Shintoism |
| ✓ Han Dynasty (200-500CE) | ✓ Reestablishment of Tibet/Xinjiang |
| | ✓ Korean War |

❖ If there have been any major ongoing current events discussed in class be sure to know the basics of them for the test