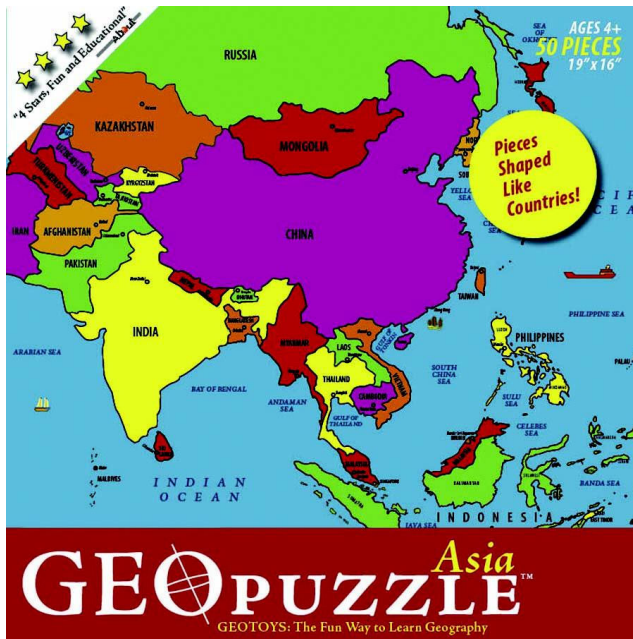


GeoPuzzle Asia Teacher Resource Guide



Introduction

This guide is designed for teachers and parents of children ages 4-12. Combining the assembling of the GeoPuzzle Asia with some of the following questions and activities will enrich the learning experience.

Teachers and parents are more than welcome to reproduce, modify, cut and paste any portion of this guide. It is designed more as an outline than anything else, and we've kept it in Microsoft Word format so it can be easily changed to suit your needs. All we ask is that if you have any other ideas, please share them with us at guides@geotoystore.com, so we can improve this guide for others.

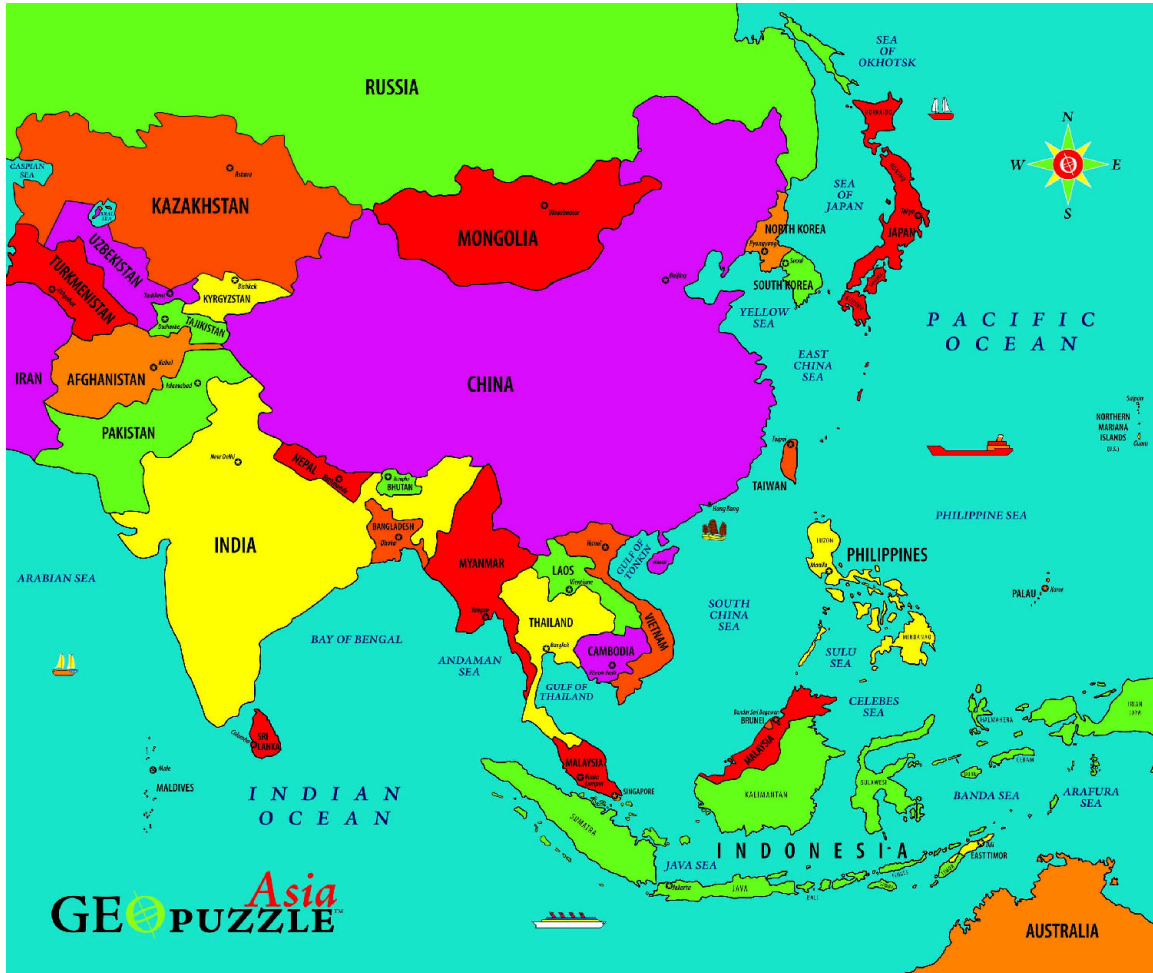
About GeoPuzzles

GeoPuzzles are maps of the major continents, with pieces shaped like individual countries. By putting together a GeoPuzzle, children learn what countries look like, what their names are, and where they are in relation to one another. At 50-70 pieces, the puzzles are perfect for ages 4-12. Designed by an art professor, GeoPuzzles are generously sized, brightly colored, and each piece is large enough to be easily handled.

The Asia GeoPuzzle does not include the Middle East. Though the Middle East is geographically part of the Asian landmass, it is culturally associated with North Africa. The Middle East has been included with the Africa GeoPuzzle, also available from GeoToys.

A Few Facts About Asia

- Asia is the largest continent in the world. It is nearly 17 million square miles, almost 5 times as big as the United States.
- Asia has the most people of any continent. There are 6.5 billion people in the world, and 4 billion of them live in Asia.
- Asia has the highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest. It is over 29,000 feet high



GeoPuzzle Geography Questions

1. What is the largest country in Asia?
2. Several Asian countries are islands—can you name some of them?
3. What is the smallest country that is NOT an island?
4. What country is split into two parts (NOT Korea)?
5. How many countries have a “stan” on the end?
6. Sri Lanka is just south of what country?
7. What country is to the west of South Korea?
8. How many countries border China?
9. Which countries border the Bay of Bengal? The Yellow Sea?
10. What are some of the islands that make up the country of Indonesia?

Activity: Match the capitals to the countries

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| 1) Russia | a) Thimphu |
| 2) Kazakstan | b) Bandar Seri Begawan |
| 3) Kyrgyzstan | c) Astana |
| 4) Uzbekistan | d) Dushanbe |
| 5) Turkmenistan | e) Ashgabat |
| 6) Afghanistan | f) Kabul |
| 7) Tajikistan | g) Islamabad |
| 8) Pakistan | h) New Delhi |
| 9) Nepal | i) Kathmandu |
| 10) India | j) Male |
| 11) Bhutan | k) Moscow |
| 12) Maldives | l) Dhaka |
| 13) Sri Lanka | m) Colombo |
| 14) Bangladesh | n) Pyongyang |
| 15) Myanmar | o) Yangon |
| 16) Thailand | p) Jakarta |
| 17) Laos | q) Tashkent |
| 18) Cambodia | r) Bangkok |
| 19) Vietnam | s) Kuala Lumpur |
| 20) Malaysia | t) Seoul |
| 21) Indonesia | u) Taipei |
| 22) East Timor | v) Bishkek |
| 23) Philippines | w) Beijing |
| 24) Brunei | x) Dili |
| 25) Palau | y) Manila |
| 26) Taiwan | z) Koror |
| 27) China | aa) Hanoi |
| 28) North Korea | bb) Vientiane |
| 29) South Korea | cc) Tokyo |
| 30) Japan | dd) Ulaanbaatar |
| 31) Mongolia | ee) Phnom Penh |

Class Discussion

1. Population:
 - a. Two countries in Asia have more than 1 Billion people, do you know which ones they are?
 - b. How many people live in your city? In your state? In the United States?
 - c. For every American in the world, how many Asians are there?
2. Is anyone in the class from Asia? Or have parents or grandparents from Asia? Has anyone been to Asia? What about other continents?
3. Who has eaten Chinese food before? Japanese food? Indian food? What is your favorite Asian food? Why?
4. Everyday Products:
 - o A lot of the products we use every day are made in Asia, including clothes. Are the clothes you are wearing made in Asia? Have a friend check the labels on your shirt, pants, and shoes to see where they were made.

Assignments/Projects

- Asian cars:
 - o Lots of cars are also made by Asian companies. These include Honda, Toyota, Mitsubishi and Nissan (Japan), as well as Hyundai, Kia and Daewoo (Korea). When you go home today or the next time you are driving around, with your parents' help, see how many Asian cars you can count.
- Asian animals:
 - o Asia is home to many unique species of animals. Which is your favorite animal, out of the following list of Asian animals?
 - Tiger
 - Elephant
 - Komodo dragon
 - Cobra
 - Panda Bear
 - Orangutan
 - o Can you draw a picture of this animal?
 - o Visit the library and find out some information on your favorite Asian animal, then come back and share it with the class. Some questions you might want to answer are Where does this animal live? What does it eat? How long does it live?
- Make your own puzzle:
 - o You can make your own version of the Asia GeoPuzzle by following these simple steps:
 - Put the puzzle together on a piece of posterboard
 - Take a piece out of the puzzle and trace the outlines of that piece on the board
 - Continue taking pieces out, one at a time, and tracing their outlines until you've taken the whole puzzle apart. You should be left with a map of Asia on the posterboard.
 - Fill in the names of the countries, capitals, and whatever else you like. Be creative – this is your map!
 - If you'd like to have your map displayed on our website, www.geopuzzles.com, please send it to us at: Geotoys, 218 Linden Ct, Neenah, WI 54956

Asia Neat Facts

Can you look in an Almanac, or atlas, another book, or on the Internet, and fill in the blanks with neat facts about some Asian countries? These can be about anything you are interested in – we’ve put a couple down to get you started.

COUNTRY	NEAT FACT
CHINA	Ice cream was invented in China around 2000 B.C.
VIETNAM	Most children in Vietnam go to school 6 days a week.
COUNTRY	NEAT FACT

Answers to questions

Geography

1. China is the largest country that is wholly within Asia. Russia, which is in both Asia and Europe, is larger than China.
2. Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Palau
3. Brunei
4. Malaysia, ½ on the Asian mainland, ½ shares the island of Borneo with Kalimantan, a province of Indonesia
5. Seven: Kazakstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan
6. India
7. China
8. 13: North Korea, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam
9. Bay of Bengal: India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Myanmar; Yellow Sea: South Korea, North Korea, China
10. Java, Sumatra, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Bali, Halmahera, Irian Jaya

Capital Matching

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1) Russia - Moscow | 19) Vietnam - Hanoi |
| 2) Kazakstan - Astana | 20) Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur |
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| 18) Cambodia – Phnom Penh | |

Discussion

The population of the U.S. is about 300 million. For every American in the world, there are 13 Asians.