



Social Studies Virtual Learning

Geography

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Objective/Learning Target: Geography of Southeast Asia

Warm Up

Southeast Asia is a vast subregion of Asia, roughly described as geographically situated east of the Indian subcontinent, south of China, and northwest of Australia. The region is located between the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal in the west, the Philippine Sea, the South China Sea, and the Pacific Ocean in the east.

1. What the the five main bodies of water in SE Asia?



Lesson Activity--Two main regions of SE Asia

The area consists of two distinctive geographic regions, the northern portion is known as **Mainland Southeast Asia**, or Indochina, situated mainly on the Indochinese peninsula; it comprises the countries of Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, West Malaysia (Peninsular Malaysia), Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

The second region is known as the Malay Archipelago, or **Maritime Southeast Asia**, it comprises the archipelago of Indonesia in the south, Brunei and East Malaysia (Sabah) on the northern part of the island of Borneo, all the islands of the Philippines, plus Singapore and East Timor (Timor-Leste on the island of Timor).

All of Southeast Asia falls within the tropical and subtropical climatic zones, and much of it receives considerable annual precipitation. It is subject to an extensive and regular monsoonal weather system (*i.e.*, one in which the prevailing winds reverse direction every six months) that produces marked wet and dry periods in most of the region. Southeast Asia's landscape is characterized by three intermingled physical elements:

mountain ranges, plains and plateaus, and water in the form of both shallow seas and extensive drainage systems. Of these, the rivers probably have been of the greatest historical and cultural significance, for waterways have decisively shaped forms of settlement and agriculture, determined fundamental political and economic patterns, and helped define the nature of Southeast Asians' worldview and distinctive cultural syncretism.

Practice

2. What are the two main regions of SE Asia?
3. Which region is Vietnam part of in SE Asia?
The Philippines?
4. What are the two main climate zones of SE Asia?
5. What is a monsoonal weather system?
6. Which physical element has probably been the most important to the development of SE Asia?

Answers

1. Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal, Philippine Sea, South China Sea, Pacific Ocean
2. Mainland SE Asia and Maritime SE Asia
3. Mainland SE Asia/Maritime SE Asia
4. Tropical and Subtropical Climate
5. The prevailing winds reverse direction every six months
6. Rivers

Reflection

1. Describe where the majority of people live in SE Asia.
2. What are your educational guesses as to why people in those areas.

