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ASIA: Reading & Writing, 5/12 & 5/13

To finish our unit on Asia, we will read 2 magazine articles and examine 5 country profiles! Hurray! You are responsible for reading all of the pieces at your own pace, and you may work alone or in pairs but you **MUST COMPLETE YOUR OWN HANDOUT**. Working in groups of 3 is not allowed and will result in a zero. **All of these readings contain information that will be fair game on your next quiz and final exam.**

Be sure to answer the following questions for EACH article.

“China’s Missing Girls”

1. What two factors have led the enormous gender imbalance in China and India?
2. What are some of the consequences of having a gender imbalance?
3. What is China’s ‘One Child Policy’ and why was it put in place?
4. What are the traditional expectations for a son in China? What about in India?
5. How could the crime rate be affected in these countries with so many unmarried men?
6. How has South Korea changed cultural attitudes about women?

“China’s Cram Schools”

7. What is a cram school?
8. What is the gaokao and why are students studying so hard?

9. What sort of sacrifices are parents making for their children in China?
10. How has the Chinese economy changed from 1949 to the present?
11. How is life different in cities vs. rural parts of China?
12. What are some of the problems created by the gaokao?
13. What is life like for students at the Maotanchang school?
14. Compare the experiences of Xu Peng and his friend Cao. How will their lives be different?

China

Government type: _____

Population: _____

GDP per capita: _____

69% of the landscape is _____. China has an extensive river system with over _____ rivers! Monsoons affect _____ China because of this crop: _____.

Two religions widely practiced in China today: _____ & _____.

The Chinese government has _____ branches and _____ ruling party.

One reason China's air quality is so terrible is because of _____ for 70-75% of their energy.

19% of Chinese exports are to this country: _____.

Japan

Government type: _____

Life expectancy: _____

GDP per capita: _____

Japan consists of four major _____ and 4,000 smaller ones. The highest peak is Mt. _____.

Japan is situated on the _____ and has several volcanic regions.

Japan had a long period of _____ from foreign influence. They eventually opened up their ports to trade with the U.S. and began to intensively _____ & _____.

Japan is experiencing _____ population growth.

What are possible problems with an aging population'?

Two resources that are quickly becoming depleted in Japan: _____ & _____.

Mongolia

Population: _____

GDP per capita: _____

Mongolia is not connected to any bodies of water and is therefore a _____ country.

There are 3 major mountain ranges: _____, _____, _____.

Ulaanbaatar is the _____ capital city in the world.

The area of Mongolia has been ruled by various _____ empires. Genghis Khan founded the _____ Empire.

30% of people are *nomadic* or seminomadic and the predominant religion is _____.

Mongolia purchases 95% of it's energy from _____.

North Korea

GDP per capita: _____

Literacy rate: _____

North Korea borders which two countries: _____ & _____.

Beginning in 1905 North Korea was occupied by the country of _____. After World War II the country was split- the North came under the control of _____. Kim Il Sung was the country's communist founder, who passed the rule onto his son _____. His son Kim Jong Un currently has control of North Korea. North Korea is a self-described _____ (self-reliant) state.

North Korea has a command_____.

North Korea's _____ policy means that international trade is highly restricted.

Culturally, there is a vast cult of _____ surrounding the country's leaders.

South Korea

Government type:_____

As part of the East Asian _____ region, South Korea has a temperate climate with four distinct seasons.

During the Korean War (1950-53) South Korea was supported by _____ & _____ while North Korea was supported by _____ & _____.

The top 3 major industries of Korea are _____, _____, _____.
in 2004, South Korea joined the _____ club of world economies. The government has promoted importing raw materials and technology at the expense of importing consumer goods.

Taiwan

Government type:_____

The eastern two thirds of Taiwan is mostly _____.

The _____ War in 1895 forced China to cede Taiwan to Japan.

Two million _____ fled to Taiwan and establish a government using the 1946 _____ drawn up for all of China.

Dominant language:_____

Primary exports of Taiwan:_____

Describe Taiwan's culture:_____

Questions for comparing ALL countries:

- 1) Which countries currently face problems of pollution and acid rain?
- 2) Compare the highest and lowest GDP: Why do you think this is?
- 3) Which countries are largely mountainous? What do their economies rely on?
- 4) Which of these countries' GDPs do you think are growing? Why?