

SE Asia: Exploring 5 Themes/Issues

We have begun to work with the region of SE Asia, and a few of its regional issues. This project will give you an opportunity to explore a country within the region and some of its unique issues.

Objective: You will explore the “Five Themes” of geography for a specific country in the region of SE Asia, and create an “issue” based research project/presentation based on your findings.

5 Themes Visual Aid [suggestion – PP or Google Slides but could be a poster]:

1. You will select a country from SE Asia to work with for this project. Make sure that you are comfortable with the issue attached to the country you have chosen.
2. You should clearly define the following for your country: **Location, Character, Human and Environmental Interaction, Movement, and Region.** You will do this by creating a BIG visual for the information retrieved from your research on the country’s 5 Themes.
3. Be ready to spend 5-8 minutes explaining the visual that you have created, and your research problem/issue in the next section.

Issues:

1. You will need to research current problems/issues that your country is having in either the social, political, or environmental arena.
2. As you begin to define and understand the problem/issue that your country is dealing with you will answer a set of questions in the form of a research paper.
3. Questions to answer:
 - What caused this problem in my country?
 - Why is it getting worse (how did it get this bad)?
 - What is being done to try and fix the country (who is helping)?
 - Is there hope in the future for my country (be specific)?
4. You will end your research paper with a conclusion that clearly states your opinion about the problem and how it is being dealt with.

Countries and Issues:

- India, China, Japan, Sri Lanka, North Korea, South Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Myanmar, Thailand, Mongolia, Pakistan, New Guinea, Nepal, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Laos, Cambodia, and Malaysia.
- Regional issues generally fall into 3 different categories:
 1. Environmental (ex... Strip mining/logging)
 2. Social (ex... Human rights violations)
 3. Political (ex... Oppression/Dictators)

Point Breakdown:

5 Themes Visual	-- 20 points
Research Paper: problem/issue (rubric to come)	-- 30 points
Presentation (rubric to come)	-- 10 points
Work Ethic (as determined by the teacher)	-- 10 points
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