

BIG IDEAS

The breadth and diversity of Asia's physical and human resources have contributed to the development of distinct and disparate political, cultural, and economic regions in the late 20th century.

Colonialism, imperialism, and resource disparity have been the primary reasons for conflict and movement of peoples in Asia.

Ethnic, regional, and national identities, shaped in part by geography and migration, exert significant political and cultural influence in Asia.

Rapid industrialization, urbanization, and economic growth in Asia in the late 20th century have created complex environmental challenges.

Learning Standards

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Students are expected to be able to do the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions • Assess the significance of people, locations, events, or developments, and compare varying perspectives on their historical significance at particular times and places, and from group to group (significance) • Assess the justification for competing historical accounts after investigating points of contention, reliability of sources, and adequacy of evidence (evidence) • Compare and contrast continuities and changes for different groups (continuity and change) • Assess how prevailing conditions and the actions of individuals or groups affect events, decisions, or developments (cause and consequence) • Explain different perspectives on past or present people, locations, issues, or events by considering prevailing norms, values, worldviews, and beliefs (perspective) • Make reasoned ethical judgments about actions in the past and present (ethical judgment) 	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resource distribution and physiographic features • demography, migration, urbanization, and environmental issues • industrialization, globalization, economic systems, and distribution of wealth • development, structure, and function of political and social institutions • social and political movements, including human rights initiatives • local, regional, and global conflict and co-operation • local, regional, and national identities