

Critical Thinking Skills

Asia

Skills For Critical Thinking		Reading Comprehension				
		Location	Place	Human & Environment Interactions	Movement	Regions
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match Show or Label List Information Recall Details (5Ws + H) Find Information 	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe & Compare Summarize Explain Select 	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 3 Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize Information Interview Apply 	✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclude Analyze 	✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Create 			✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate Compare 		✓ ✓	✓		✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



Asia - Location



1. Which word matches the definition? Color the arrow that points to the correct word. You may use an atlas or a dictionary to help.

continent	←	A A large land mass. There are seven of these on Earth.	→	country
Equator	←	B An imaginary line running around the middle of the Earth in an east-west direction. It is half way between the North and South Poles.	→	hemisphere
civilization	←	C A word that is used for a person who studies the Earth by looking at the features of the land, its weather, and where people live.	→	geographer
continent	←	D One of the two shapes made by cutting a sphere in half.	→	hemisphere

2. On the map, color Asia in **green**. Show the equator as a **red line**.





Asia - Location



How do we describe the location of a place? We can describe location in two ways. We can tell exactly where it is, or we can describe where it is by using the things we find around it. If we describe exactly where a place is, we are giving its **absolute location**. On a map, we can do this by looking at where lines of **latitude** and **longitude** cross. When we describe the things around a place and the things that connect it to other places, we are describing its **relative location**.



Asia is the world's largest continent. It is so large that we cannot accurately describe its exact location. Why? It is because Asia's eastern boundary is near 170°W longitude, and its western boundary is near 35°E longitude, with approximately 8 000 miles between these two points! Because it is so large, it is very difficult to give its absolute location. It is easier to describe Africa's relative location by looking at those features and places around it.

To begin with, Asia is almost entirely in the eastern hemisphere, north of the Equator. Like other continents, it has shorelines on several large bodies of water. The Arctic Ocean lies to the north, the Indian Ocean to the south, and the Pacific Ocean to the east. These bodies of water provide **links** between Asia and other parts of the globe. On its western border, Asia is linked to Europe by land. Russia, the largest country in Asia, is located in both Europe and Asia!



How can we best describe Asia's location?

Asia's huge size and location makes it very interesting to **geographers**. In Asia we find Mt. Everest, the tallest point on Earth. The tropical rainforests of India and other southeastern Asian countries are very different from the frozen lands in Russia's far north. The wide variety of ancient civilizations that have existed throughout Asia gives historical and cultural geographers interesting places and peoples to study.



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1. **Circle** the word **True** if the statement is true. **Circle** the word **False** if it's false.

a) Asia is the world's smallest continent.

True

False

b) Africa is almost entirely in the eastern hemisphere.

True

False

c) The Arctic Ocean lies to the north of Asia.

True

False

d) Europe is east of Asia.

True

False

e) Antarctica is to the south of Africa.

True

False

f) Russia is the largest country in Asia.

True

False

2. Match left to right to show your understanding of **absolute** and **relative** location. You must match each box to two examples.

**relative
location**

Describes location by using latitude and longitude to give a place's exact location

A

Turkey is south of the Black Sea, east of Greece, north of Syria, and west of Iran

B

**absolute
location**

Mumbai is found at 18°N latitude and 72°E longitude

C

Describes the location of a place by using the features around it

D

Asia Political Map

