**Physical Geography of South Asia**

What is this region also known as?

What formed the Himalayas?

What are two other mountain ranges found in South Asia?

What is south of these mountain ranges?

How do the Western Ghats affect the Deccan Plateau?

How do the Vindhya Mts. affect India?

Where do all major rivers begin?

What do rivers provide for the people of the Indian subcontinent?

Describe each of the following rivers

Indus

Brahmaputra

Ganges

Where is the most densely populated area in India?

What are the climate types founds in South Asia?

What type of climate is found in Pakistan?

What climate type is found on the Deccan plateau

What are the three seasons found across much of South Asia?

What are the seasonal winds called?

What triggers the monsoons?

How do the Himalaya’s affect the monsoons?

What happens of the monsoon is too early or late?

What are the negative effects of the monsoons?

**Cultural Geography of South Asia**

What percentage of the world’s people lives in India?

What has caused India to be a place of tolerance and conflict?

What are the two ways people identify themselves in India?

Where is the highest population density in India?

Why are people moving to cities?

Describe each city

Mumbai-

Calcutta

New Delhi-

What is a megalopolis?

How did the British influence India?

What year did India become independent?

Who led the fight for independence?

How was India divided after the British left?

How does Hinduism affect Indians everyday life?

What is the appeal of Buddhism to many Indians?

What is Jainism?

Who are the Sikhs?

How many official languages does India have?

What are the two main languages spoken in India?

**India and Pakistan**

What do these two countries have in common?

How do Pakistanis define their ethnic identity?

What is the most densely populated country in South Asia?

What is the most densely populated city in South Asia?

How has population density affected Bangladesh?

What has the government of Bangladesh doe to improve the lives of women?

What is the most urbanized country in South Asia?

What has urban growth caused in Pakistan?

How was Islam brought to the region?

Who was the main colonial power in South Asia?

When did Pakistan and Bangladesh become separate countries?

Why has stable political rule been difficult in Pakistan?

In Bangladesh?

Why do women have a lower level of literacy and education in these countries?

What is access to health care in these countries?

How does geography cause problems in Bangladesh?

**Nepal and Bhutan**

What do these countries share?

What are the two ethnic groups found in Nepal?

What is the most well known ethnic group in Nepal?

What ethnic group is found in Bhutan?

How does physical geography affect population density?

Was Nepal ever under colonial control?

What do most people rely on for health care?

How does access to health care affect Nepal and Bhutan?

**Sri Lanka**

Which outside groups have affected the culture of Sri Lanka?

Why did traders from outside region come to Sri Lanka?

What European countries have influenced the legal systems?

What type of government does Sri Lanka have?

What is the dominant religion found in Sri Lanka?

What are the two ethnic groups fighting for control in Sri Lanka?

How are they different?

What religion are the Sinhalese?

The Tamils?

How has the fighting affected the island?

**South Asia Today**

What occupation are most South Asians?

What are farms like in Sri Lanka?

How does this affect their economy?

What are some cash crops in South Asia?

What is a major problem facing South Asia?

What are the advantages of the “green revolution”?

What are some of the disadvantages?

Why did India not want foreign investment after independence?

Why did it need foreign investment beginning in the 1990’s?

How has foreign investment affected India?

What has played a role in reducing poverty in Bangladesh?

What is an important economic activity in Nepal?

What does heavy industry produce?

What is shipbreaking?

Which countries have the most developed transportations systems?

Least developed?

Why do Nepal and Bhutan restrict media?

What has affected the region’s economic interdependence?

Which country has the strongest economy in the region?

What is the key to resource management in South Asia?

How is slack of access to clean water a problem?

How does building dams help manage water resources?

Why is it a problem?

What has caused tension between Pakistan and India?

List three other social issues that cause problems in South Asia?