

Country and Map: Asia

Geography: Biggest continent. West of Europe, East of the Pacific Ocean. The Indian Ocean also runs south of some of this continent. Includes the country of China with its major rivers Yangtze and Yellow Rivers. 46 countries. Mostly in the Northern Hemisphere. The equator runs through Indonesia.

Climate/weather: Seasonal. Temperatures can go from 112deg. F in summer and well below zero in the winter. There are monsoons, typhoons, wind storms, earthquakes and terrible flooding.

Land Types: Earth's 10 highest peaks are on the cont. as well as Earth's lowest place, the Dead Sea. Mt. Everest is the highest point on the Earth. On this continent there are forests, mountains, tundra, grasslands and wetlands.

Now we will focus on China:

Animals: Pandas live naturally in China where bamboo forests grow. Our Natl. Zoo loaned them from China.

Government: In the past there were emperors who ruled the country. Laws were handed down by wise men in families.

Economics: farming-used irrigation, bartering

Symbols: Written language is done with characters and symbols or picture writing.

Inventions: 365-day calendar based on the moon's phases, (separate slide) kites, silk cloth, compass, bronze, fireworks

Culture: Chinese New Year-second full moon after the winter solstice, normally occurring sometime in Feb., superstitions-color red: thought to represent good luck, dragons-chase away evil spirits

History:

Architecture: Great Wall of China-4000 miles long