

China Map Clues

Use place clues to find a region on a world map.

3.5.a "locating ancient China on a map of the world;"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words Asia, Pacific Ocean, India, and Mongolia each time they appear. These place names are clues for locating ancient China on a world map.

Finding an Ancient Region

- ① Ancient China began in eastern Asia. Asia is a continent east of Europe and northeast of Africa on a common world map. Ancient China was not in North or South America. To find its place, look for Asia first. Then move across Asia toward the east, or right, side of a map with north at the top.
- ② The Pacific Ocean is east of ancient China. On many world maps, the Pacific is the large ocean beside Asia's eastern coast. India is southwest of ancient China, and Mongolia is north of it. These nearby places can help you check that you have found the right part of Asia. Remember, ancient China's borders changed over time.
- ③ Rivers helped people in ancient China grow crops and build towns. The Yellow River and the Yangtze River are in the same broad region of eastern Asia. A world map may not show every river clearly. Still, Asia, the Pacific Ocean, India, and Mongolia give useful clues for locating the ancient Chinese region on a world map.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What continent should you find first when you are locating ancient China?

2 After you find Asia, which direction should you move to find ancient China?

3 Name two places near ancient China and tell where each one is located.

4 Why may the Yellow River and Yangtze River be less useful clues on a world map?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Use a classroom or library world map. In the box, sketch the part of Asia that includes the broad region of modern China, place a dot there labeled ancient China, and label Asia, the Pacific Ocean, India, and Mongolia in the correct places around it.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the words Asia, Pacific Ocean, India, and Mongolia each time they appear. These place names are clues for locating ancient China on a world map. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What continent should you find first when you are locating ancient China?	Asia.
2	After you find Asia, which direction should you move to find ancient China?	East, or toward the right side of a map with north at the top.
3	Name two places near ancient China and tell where each one is located.	The Pacific Ocean is east of ancient China. India is southwest of it, or Mongolia is north of it.
4	Why may the Yellow River and Yangtze River be less useful clues on a world map?	A world map may not show every river clearly.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A sketch labels Asia. A dot in eastern Asia is labeled ancient China, with the Pacific Ocean east of the dot, India southwest of it, and Mongolia north of it.

Accept sketches that place ancient China in eastern Asia, near the broad region of modern China. The Pacific Ocean should be east, India southwest, and Mongolia north of the marked region.