

Region Route Sort

Sort places, features, and economic activities by region.

WG.9 "The student will analyze the characteristics of the regions of South Asia and Southeast Asia by identifying and analyzing the location of major geographic regions and major cities on maps and globes..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SOUTH ASIA

South Asia is the region around the Indian subcontinent. It includes places such as Nepal, Bhutan, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives.

Kathmandu, Nepal, is in South Asia.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Southeast Asia lies east of India and includes mainland and island countries between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. It includes places such as the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Brunei, and Timor-Leste.

Manila, Philippines, is in Southeast Asia.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the region for each item, then pick two item numbers and explain in writing which clues place each one in that region.

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| 1. The Ganges River is a major river in India and Bangladesh. | ☐ SOUTH ASIA | ☐ SOUTHEAST |
| 2. The Himalayas form high mountains along northern India. | ☐ SOUTH ASIA | ☐ SOUTHEAST |
| 3. Jakarta is the capital city of Indonesia. | ☐ SOUTH ASIA | ☐ SOUTHEAST |
| 4. Dhaka is the capital city of Bangladesh. | ☐ SOUTH ASIA | ☐ SOUTHEAST |
| 5. The Mekong River flows through Laos and Cambodia. | ☐ SOUTH ASIA | ☐ SOUTHEAST |
| 6. Singapore's port connects major global trade routes. | ☐ SOUTH ASIA | ☐ SOUTHEAST |
| 7. Sri Lanka's tea-growing highlands provide export crops. | ☐ SOUTH ASIA | ☐ SOUTHEAST |
| 8. Mumbai is a major city on India's west coast. | ☐ SOUTH ASIA | ☐ SOUTHEAST |

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example for South Asia and one new example for Southeast Asia.

SOUTH ASIA _____

SOUTHEAST _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that compares how a geographic feature affects economic activity in South Asia and Southeast Asia.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The Ganges River is a major river in India and Bangladesh.	SOUTH ASIA	India and Bangladesh are in South Asia.
2	The Himalayas form high mountains along northern India.	SOUTH ASIA	India is in South Asia, and the Himalayas are a major South Asian physical feature.
3	Jakarta is the capital city of Indonesia.	SOUTHEAST	Indonesia is in Southeast Asia.
4	Dhaka is the capital city of Bangladesh.	SOUTH ASIA	Bangladesh is in South Asia.
5	The Mekong River flows through Laos and Cambodia.	SOUTHEAST	Laos and Cambodia are in Southeast Asia.
6	Singapore's port connects major global trade routes.	SOUTHEAST	Singapore is a Southeast Asian city-state and trade center.
7	Sri Lanka's tea-growing highlands provide export crops.	SOUTH ASIA	Sri Lanka is in South Asia.
8	Mumbai is a major city on India's west coast.	SOUTH ASIA	India is in South Asia.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SOUTH ASIA:** Bhutan is a country in South Asia.
- **SOUTHEAST:** Southeast Asia: Thailand is a country in Southeast Asia.

Challenge: In South Asia, rivers fed by the Himalayas supply water for farming, while in Southeast Asia, the Strait of Malacca supports shipping and trade.

Sort answers are 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 South Asia, and 3, 5, and 6 Southeast Asia. Accept other accurate regional examples and comparisons that correctly connect a geographic feature to an economic activity.