

Central Asia

Chapter Review



BIG IDEAS

1. Central Asia, a dry, rugged, landlocked region, has oil and other valuable mineral resources.
2. The countries of Central Asia share similar histories and traditions, but particular ethnic groups give each country a unique culture.
3. Central Asian countries are mostly poor, but they are working to create stable governments and sound economies.

REVIEWING VOCABULARY, TERMS, AND PLACES

Use the description in the right column to unscramble the term or name in the box. Write the correct term or name in the space provided.

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| LRAA EAS | 1. _____ devastated by the effects of irrigation |
| GAAFREN LYEVAL | 2. _____ the major farming area in Central Asia |
| MODNAS | 3. _____ People who move from place to place. |
| LTIBNAA | 4. _____ group that ruled Afghanistan in the 1990s |
| BLKUA | 5. _____ capital of Afghanistan |

COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING

Read each of the following pairs of sentences and cross out the FALSE sentence.

1. **a.** Every country in Central Asia is landlocked.
b. Every country in Central Asia is landlocked, except Kazakhstan.
2. **a.** Most of Central Asia has excellent conditions for farming.
b. The harsh, dry climate of Central Asia makes farming difficult.
3. **a.** Water and oil are among Central Asia's valuable resources.
b. Forests and oil are among Central Asia's valuable resources.
4. **a.** Samarqand and Bukhara grew rich from trade along the Silk Road.
b. Samarqand and Bukhara grew rich from digging out oil pipelines.

- 5. a.** Most Central Asians belong to the Russian Orthodox Church.
b. Islam, brought by the Arabs, is the main religion in Central Asia.
- 6. a.** The Taliban rose to power in Afghanistan in the mid-1990s.
b. The Taliban was toppled by U.S. and British forces in the mid-1990s.

REVIEWING THEMES

Using the lists below, determine what theme from geography they have in common.

Themes

location	place	human-environment interaction	movement	regions
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- _____ **1.** irrigation; oil pipelines; hydroelectricity
- _____ **2.** harsh, dry climate; rugged landscape; landlocked
- _____ **3.** Fergana Valley; Cyrillic alphabet; Taliban
- _____ **4.** between Europe and India; Central Asia; 40°N, 60°E
- _____ **5.** nomads; Khyber Pass; Silk Road

REVIEW ACTIVITY: POSTCARDS

Create a series of postcards you might send if you were traveling around Central Asia. Create one postcard for each country discussed in the textbook chapter. On the front of each postcard, draw or paste a picture that illustrates a unique feature of that country. On the back of the postcard, write a short note describing the physical environment, natural resources, climate, culture, or history of that country.