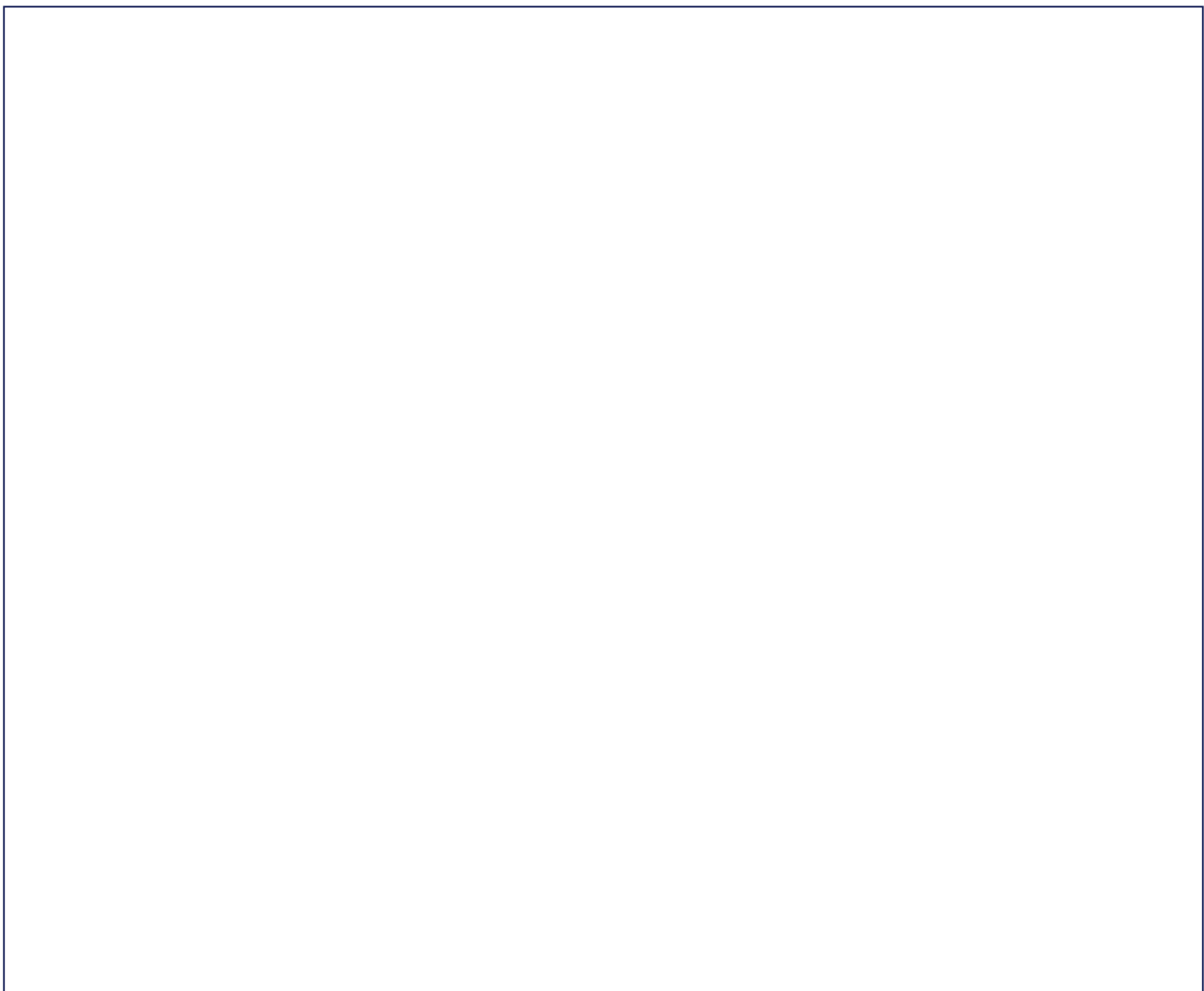


Exploring the Wonders of Asia with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate key geographical features and landmarks across the continent of Asia.

Follow the drawing prompt below to create an illustrated map of Asia. Once your drawing is complete, use the word bank to label your work accurately. Ensure you include a compass rose to show direction.

Draw: Draw a large, detailed outline map of the continent of Asia on your paper. In the North, sketch the vast, dry Gobi Desert using warm colours. In the centre, draw the jagged, snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas. To the East, draw the long, winding path of the Yangtze River flowing towards the Pacific Ocean. In the South, include a lush green tropical rainforest. Use a clear, artistic style with pencil or coloured pencils. Add a compass rose in the corner to show North, South, East, and West.



Label words: Himalayas · Gobi Desert · Yangtze River · Pacific Ocean · Equator · Tropical Rainforest

Steps:

1. The Himalayas are home to Mount Everest. Explain why the climate at the top of these mountains is different from the climate in the tropical rainforests of South East Asia.
2. Compare and contrast the Gobi Desert with the tropical rainforests of Asia. What are the main differences in their environments?

3. Why is the Yangtze River important to the people living in Asia? Think about water sources and agriculture.
4. Justify your answer: If you were to travel across Asia from North to South, how would the temperature and vegetation likely change?
5. What might happen if the large rivers in Asia were to dry up? Describe the impact on the local geography and human settlement.
6. Create a 'Fact File' for one of the labels in your word bank, including its location and one unique geographical feature.