

Finn's Expedition Log: Exploring the Wonders of Asia

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and compare the key physical and human geographical features of the continent of Asia.

Join Finn the dolphin on a grand voyage across Asia! Use your atlas, classroom resources, or library books to research this vast continent. Fill in the sections below to create your own geographical field report. Be sure to use precise vocabulary and provide detailed justifications for your findings.

Word bank: continent · topography · climate · demographics · archipelago · urbanisation · tundra · monsoon · plateau · latitude

1. Physical Geography: Identify one major mountain range or desert in Asia. Describe its unique physical characteristics and explain how its climate influences the local environment. (4 marks)

2. Human Geography: Choose one major city in Asia. Compare its population density or infrastructure to a city you are familiar with in the UK. Justify why urbanisation might be happening there. (4 marks)

3. Climate Zones: Asia spans several climate zones. Explain why the climate in northern Asia differs significantly from the climate in southern Asia. (3 marks)

4. Natural Resources: List two important natural resources found in Asia and explain how these impact the local economy or global trade. (3 marks)

5. Comparative Analysis: Compare and contrast the physical landscape of an archipelago nation (like Japan or the Philippines) with a landlocked country in Central Asia. (4 marks)

6. Reflection: What might happen to the environment in a low-lying coastal region of Asia if sea levels continue to rise? Justify your answer using geographical evidence. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a travel brochure for a fictional eco-tourism project in an Asian country of your choice. You must include a map sketch, details about the local flora and fauna, and a persuasive argument explaining why tourists should visit whilst respecting the local ecosystem.