China Geography Activity

World History

**Introduction:**

The goal of today’s lesson is to better understand the political and physical geography of China and to explore the major geographic challenges they face in the 21st Century. We will work individually and as a table group to complete the three below tasks and at the end of the lesson you will have a well-annotated map for your binders and submit your group’s response to Task 3 to Google Classroom.

**Task 1- Political Geography of China (Individual)**

Label the below countries, capitals and cities on your map using a pen/pencil and your chrome books for support.

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| Neighboring Nations | Capitals | Major Cities |
| Pakistan  Afghanistan  Tajikistan  Kyrgyzstan  Kazakhstan  Russia  Mongolia  India  Nepal  Bhutan  Bangladesh  Myanmar  Thailand  Laos  Vietnam  Taiwan  North Korea  South Korea  Japan | Beijing  Ulaanbaatar  Taipei  Pyongyang  Seoul  Tokyo | Shanghai  Guangzhou  Qingdao  Nanjing  Chengdu  Hong Kong  Lhasa  Macau |

**Task 2- Physical Geography (Pairs)**

Click on the below link to a Prezi on the physical geography of China. Label the locations included (Questions A-R) and then discuss with your partner the question at the end.

<https://prezi.com/jqvbth6pwv4h/geography-of-china/>

**Task 3- Current Geography Issues in China (Table Group)**

Each table group will focus on one current geographical struggle that is currently impacting China. You will research the current issue and create a Google Slides presentation of 5-7 slides that helps explain:

1. Explanation of the Problem and where it is primarily located

2. Provide statistical data, charts, graphs, tables, etc… that quantify the impact of the problem

3. Discuss what is currently being done to address the problem in China

4. Your evaluation of what could/should be done going forward

Topics will be chosen once each member of your table has completed tasks one and two, first in, first choice. Topics available include:

Internal Migration, Endangered Species, Air Pollution, Desertification, Population Growth, Gender Imbalance, Water Pollution, Cancer Villages