Do your best to answer with the atlas. Use the internet if you get stuck.

Atlas Activity

Regional Atlas: Introduction to South Asia

Location

Study the map on page 592 of the textbook.

1. The Khyber Pass connects which two countries?

2. What capital city is located at 80°E longitude?

3. What low mountains divide the Narmada River basin from the Indo-Gangetic plain?

Place

Study the maps on pages 593 and 595 of the textbook.

4. In which directions do the July monsoon rains move?

5. How does elevation contribute to the devastation caused by monsoon winds along the coast at the mouths of the Ganges River?

Human-Environment Interaction

6. Compare the ecosystem and population density maps on pages 597 and 599 of the textbook. As India’s population has increased, so has the number of endangered species. Many of these animals live in grasslands and rain forests. How would you explain the increase in the number of animals on India’s endangered species list?

Movement

Nomads move from place to place in search of water and grazing lands for their herds. Study the map of South Asia on page 601 of the textbook and the precipitation map on page 126 of The Nystrom Desk Atlas.

7. Where in South Asia are the largest areas of nomadic herding?

8. What is the rainfall in the areas of nomadic herding?

Regions

9. Study the language map on page 599 of the textbook. In which region of India are the Dravidian languages spoken?

Mental Mapping Activities