

Comparing and Contrasting Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia

Overview

In this lesson, students will use a graphic organizer to compare and contrast Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia across a variety of categories, also noting exceptions to general trends.

Length

One class

Materials

East Asia and the Pacific (World101)

Graphic organizer (attached)

Instructional Plan

- 1. Have students explore East Asia and the Pacific in World101, noting places where patterns tend to apply to Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia differently.
- 2. Remind students that regions are not monolithic and that in every case there will be exceptions—countries that do not fit the pattern of other countries in their region.
- 3. Have students fill out the attached graphic organizer.

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In many areas, Northeast Asian countries have the most in common with other Northeast Asian countries, while Southeast Asian countries have the most in common with other Southeast Asian countries. Identify below where this pattern is true and what exceptions there are in each region.

Northeast Asia	Southeast Asia
People and Society, such as demographics, religion, and language and ethnicity	
Examples	Examples
Exceptions	Exceptions
Politics, such as openness and democracy	
Examples	Examples
Exceptions	Exceptions
Economics, such as historical growth and growth potential	
Examples	Examples
Exceptions	Exceptions