

# the geography of इण्डिया

1. On the physical map provided, label the following **NEATLY** and **CLEARLY** as directed below: [use an atlas or the maps on: <http://www.mapsofindia.com>]

A. BODIES OF WATER --> use a **BLUE**-ink pen

- \* Indus River
- \* Ganges River
- \* Brahmaputra River
- \* Arabian Sea
- \* Indian Ocean
- \* Bay of Bengal

B. MOUNTAINS & PEAKS --> use a **BLACK**-ink pen

- \* Himalayan Mountains
- \* Mt. Everest
- \* Karakoram Mountains
- \* Hindu Kush
- \* Vindhya Hills
- \* Eastern Ghats
- \* Western Ghats
- \* Khyber Pass

C. DESERTS / PLATEAUS --> use a **BROWN**-ink pen

- \* Thar Desert
- \* Deccan Plateau
- \* Tibetan Plateau

D. VALLEYS / PLAINS --> use a **GREEN**-ink pen

- \* Indo-Gangetic Plain

E. OTHER --> use a **PURPLE**-ink pen

- \* Punjab
- \* Kashmir

2. On the political map provided, label the following **NEATLY** and **CLEARLY** as directed below: [use an atlas or the maps on: <http://www.mapsofindia.com>]

A. COUNTRIES --> use a **BLACK**-ink pen

- \* India
- \* Pakistan
- \* Bangladesh
- \* Nepal
- \* Bhutan

- \* Sri Lanka
- \* Afghanistan
- \* China
- \* Myanmar [Burma]
- \* Iran

B. CITIES --> use a **RED**-ink pen

- \* New Delhi
- \* Madras
- \* Benares
- \* Calcutta
- \* Kabul
- \* Bombay
- \* Dacca [Dhaka]
- \* Lahore
- \* Colombo
- \* Kathmandu
- \* Thimbu
- \* Karachi
- \* Islamabad

3. Read the introduction and section 1 from the reading, "The Subcontinent of South Asia," and answer the following questions in your notebook:
  - A. Describe the boundaries of the Indian subcontinent [South Asia]. Why might these boundaries be considered a natural defense against invaders?
  - B. Identify some of the peoples who invaded South Asia. How did they get through?
  - C. What role did trade play in the history of the subcontinent?
  - D. Why might the subcontinent be said to have a strategic position geographically?
  - E. How did its strategic position affect the history of the subcontinent?
  
4. Read section 2 from the reading, "The Subcontinent of South Asia," and answer the following questions in your notebook:
  - A. Name and describe the general character of each of the subcontinent's three main regions.
  - B. Compare the Indus and Ganges river valleys [create a small chart in your notebook].
  - C. From where do most of the rivers of India originate?
  - D. How does the Deccan Plateau differ from the coastal plains?
  - E. List several reasons why the monsoons are important to the subcontinent. How do they affect India's weather and climate?
  - F. What geographic problems do the monsoons sometimes cause?
  - G. Why are most major centers of population on the subcontinent located on rivers or along the coastal plains?