

# China's Geography

Known as the Middle Kingdom

## Video Questions:

- 1) China makes up  $\frac{1}{5}$  of Asia's land and  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the World's population.
- 2) Name 3 countries that border China. 14 possible answers- Russia, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Mongolia, Vietnam etc.
- 3) What is the official language of China? Mandarin

## Physical Barriers Isolated China:

- Himalayan Mountains
- Gobi Desert
- Plateau of Tibet
- Pacific Ocean

## Farming:

- Mostly in Eastern part of China because it is mostly flat land.
- Terrace farming used in the Western areas.
- North China main crops- wheat and millet.
- South China main crops- rice, cotton, tea, vegetables.

## Climate:

- North- Temperate- warm summers/cool winters
- South- mild humid climate

### **Rivers:**

- Provide fertile soil, trade routes, and transportation.
- Hydroelectric power
- Dangers of flooding

### **Population:**

- 2011- 1.3 billion people.
- Mostly crowded into the eastern portion of the country.