

## Year 8 – Exploring China and Asia

### 1. **Identifying**

Produce a map to show the different features (physical and human) of the Asian continent. Remember to include significant landmarks for example – Great wall of China, Terracotta Army, Himalayas and Mount Everest. You must include 10 famous landmarks in Asia and locate them

### 2. **Interpreting**

Many people just assume that the whole of China is the same. Using maps showing the natural environment and photographs of places in China, use evidence to show how many places in China are different. For example, you could compare:

- West versus East (Poor versus Rich)
- City versus Countryside
- Coast versus Mountains

*(Hint: Use images to help you and thinking maps to show work)*

### 3. **Reading**

We learned about Foxconn factories recently (producer of Apple products in China). Find out what China has done since the Foxconn suicide nets were installed back in 2011, how has life for Apple workers in China changed? Give evidence to support your answer.

### 4. **Investigate (research)**

China's one child policy was a very controversial one, complete the research task using the following questions:

- What was the one child policy, why and when did it start?
- Who were the granny police in China?
- What happened if you broke the one child policy?
- When did the policy end and WHY?
- What did Singapore do differently?
- How would you have handled things differently to manage population changes?

*(Don't forget to use your thinking hats with this one!)*

### 5. **Create**

Time to choose two Asian countries (try to pick ones that are very different – could be different climates, ecosystems, population sizes, wealth)

Create two factfiles to compare each country:

- Population Size, Life expectancy, wealth
- Climate (temperature/ rainfall averages), ecosystem
- City life – house types, job types
- Rural life – house types, job types
- Visitor attractions or tourism

You should use annotated photos to help you do this.

### 6. **Watch and evaluate**

David Attenborough: Seven Worlds, One Planet: Asia

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000b1tw/seven-worlds-one-planet-series-1-2-asia>

Available to view for free on BBC iplayer.

Using thinking tools, gather information on the nature of the Asian continent – you must include the different types of environment and mention of the people who live in them. What is life like for these people/ animals?

Which environment is likely to survive the longest and why? Consider the threats to each one!

### 7. **Educate and share**

Over the last 20-30years we have gradually moved our 'Making' industries over to China and other parts of Asia, research and then create either an infographic or educational poster to include the following:

- Why do factories move to China?
- Is this good for China and why?
- What is ethical trading? Does it exist in China?
- What will the future hold for China's environment?

*(You can produce this online using free infographic makers or using paper!*

*Remember to check out what an infographic is and how it works. Small bites of information!)*