



Southeast Asia Today

SECTION 1 History and Governments

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SECTION 3 Vietnam Today



Human-Environment Interaction

People harvest tea leaves in a field near Bao Loc, Vietnam. Tea growing began in Southeast Asia when the Dutch brought seeds to Java from Japan.





FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY

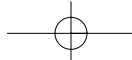
How has migration influenced Southeast Asia's culture?

Movement • The first people to live in mainland Southeast Asia probably came from southern China and South Asia. Later, the ethnic groups known as the Mon, Khmer, and Thai slowly moved south into the Indochinese Peninsula, where they set up rich kingdoms. Over the centuries, the region's wealth attracted Chinese settlers and merchants from India and Arabia. All these groups brought their unique cultures and religions with them. These and other influences blended to form the culture of Southeast Asia.

What do you think?

- ◆ How does the migration of people into a region affect its culture?
- ◆ What challenges face modern nations made up of many different ethnic groups and religions?





READING SOCIAL STUDIES

BEFORE YOU READ

►► What Do You Know?

Before you read the chapter, think about what you know about Southeast Asia. What countries make up this region? What do you know about the region's governments and economies? Have you ever seen a movie about the Vietnam War? What do you know about Vietnam today? Recall what you know from other classes, what you have read, and what you have seen on television.

►► What Do You Want to Know?

In your notebook, record what you hope to learn from this chapter.

Culture • Puppets made from water buffalo hides are used in the ancient art of shadow theater. ▼



READ AND TAKE NOTES

Reading Strategy: Drawing Conclusions To draw conclusions, look at the facts and then use your common sense and experience to decide what the facts mean. Use the chart below to gather facts and draw conclusions about Southeast Asia.

- Copy the chart into your notebook.
- As you read, record facts and examples that answer each question. Look for specific information, as shown.
- After you read, review the facts and examples, decide what they mean, and record your conclusions.



Place • Singapore is a busy and wealthy city in Southeast Asia. ▲

	Facts/Examples	Conclusions
How are Southeast Asian nations linked to other countries?		
What forms of government are in the region?		
What factors affect economies in Southeast Asia today?		
What factors shape cultures in the region?		
What are the effects of the Vietnam War?		