

Prepare to respond to the following topics.

1. Compare the areas that have high and low population densities in South Asia. What generalizations can you make about these areas?

HIGH POP DENSITY - FERTILE PLAINS, COASTAL AREAS
LOW POPULATION DENSITY - DESERT AND MOUNTAIN REGIONS

2. What are 3 main factors that make outsourcing to India an enticing option for American companies.

- HIGHLY EDUCATED
- ENGLISH-SPEAKING
- WILLING TO WORK FOR A LOT LESS \$ THAN AMERICANS

3. Explain the benefits/challenges of outsourcing to the country of India. Include our perspective (America) as well as theirs (India).

- BENEFITS: SAVES AMERICAN COMPANIES \$, PROVIDES GOOD INCOME FOR PEOPLE FROM INDIA - GROWING MIDDLE CLASS WHO CAN BUY MORE GOODS - HELPS INDIA'S ECONOMY GROW
- CHALLENGES: MAKES IT CHALLENGING FOR AMERICAN WORKERS TO COMPETE

4. Know the benefits and challenges of monsoons in South Asia

- + HEAVY RAINS CAUSE FLOODING - SILT DEPOSITS MAKE RICH SOIL
 - RAINS BRING NEEDED MOISTURE FOR CROPS
 - FLOODING KILLS PEOPLE'S LIVESTOCK & DESTROYS HOMES, CROPS
- AGAINST INDIANS WHO ARE SKILLED, BUT WILLING TO WORK FOR LESS \$
WIDENING GAP BETWEEN RICH & POOR IN INDIA

5. Compare Hinduism and Buddhism to Christianity (similarities and differences).

Buddhists ALSO SEEK "TRUTH", BUT TRY TO FIND IT WITHIN THEIR OWN ACTIONS. HINDUS ALSO WANT SINS CLEANSED, BUT TRY TO DO IT IN A RIVER INSTEAD OF RECEIVING FORGIVENESS THROUGH JESUS' ATONEMENT.

6. Look for commonalities in the conflicts of this region.

THE MAJORITY POPULATION HAS POWER OVER THE MINORITY POPULATION WHO IS A DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUP/RELIGION. THE MINORITY CLAIM TO BE MISTREATED. MISTRUST BETWEEN

7. Be prepared to fully explain/summarize the specifics of the conflicts in individual countries.

- KASHMIR - LAND DISPUTE BETWEEN PAKISTAN MUSLIMS & Indian Hindus IN MOUNTAINOUS REGION ALONG THE BORDER
 - SRI LANKA - TAMILS (HINDU MINORITY) WANT SEPARATE NATION - FIGHTING AGAINST SINHALESE (BUDDHIST MAJORITY)
 - NEPAL - DEMOCRATIC & COMMUNIST GROUPS FIGHTING FOR CONTROL AGAINST MONARCHY GOVERNMENT
- MAJORITY + MINORITY KEEPS CONFLICTS GOING
BHUTAN - NEPALI (HINDU MINORITY) CLAIM MISTREATED BY BHUTIA (BUDDHIST) MAJORITY