

Section 2: Climate and Vegetation  
East Asia: Physical Geography

## Guided Reading and Review

### A. As You Read

**Directions:** As you read Section 2, answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What are the five major climate regions of East Asia?

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2. What is the climate in a large part of eastern China?

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3. Why are summers a bit cooler and winters a bit warmer in Japan and the Koreas than in other places of the same latitude?

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4. What causes the rainfall during summer monsoons in Japan?

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5. Why are typhoons so destructive?

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6. What does climate determine in East Asia?

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7. Why must much of the plant life in East Asia be hardy?

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8. Why is the Huang River sometimes called "China's Sorrow"?

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9. What is the main crop in southern China? In northern China?

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### B. Reviewing Key Terms

**Directions:** Complete these sentences by writing the correct terms in the blanks provided.

10. The Japanese call the summer \_\_\_\_\_ the "plum rain" because it begins when the plums start to ripen on the trees.
11. In 1281, a \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed the Chinese fleet and saved the Japanese from attack.
12. Maples and birches are examples of \_\_\_\_\_ trees.