

Geography of China



Open Ended Question

Describe what you think the land of China looks like.

Ancient Chinese Culture



Video

Ancient China Geography - story for kids

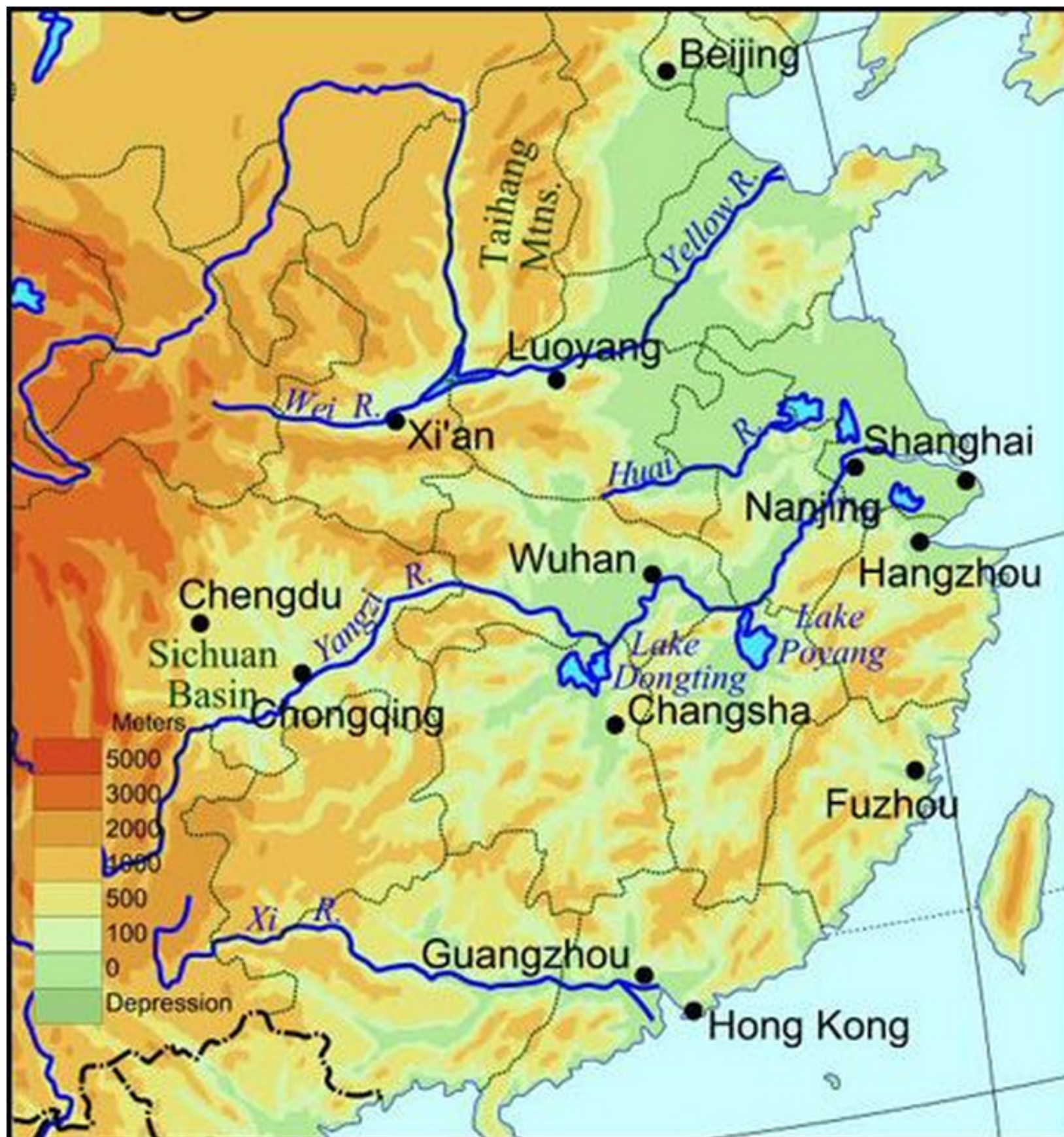
China

- China is a large country in eastern Asia.
- Words like highest, largest, and longest come to mind when talking about China's geography.
- The world's highest mountains, the Himalayas, are in China. So is one of the world's largest deserts, the Taklimakan (tah-kluh-muh-KAHN) Desert.
- Additionally, China has some of the longest rivers in the world.

China

- China's climate is just as extreme as its physical features.
- The weather can vary from ice storms in the high mountains to the dreaded sandstorms of the Taklimakan Desert.
- The sandstorms darken the skies as if it were nighttime.
- Hot, howling winds fill the air with sand and gravel.
- For people caught in a sandstorm, survival may mean wrapping themselves in clothing or blankets and lying down until the storm passes. That could be hours, perhaps even days.

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Rivers of China

- Two of China's major rivers begin in this area: the Huang He (HWAHNG heh), also known as the Yellow River, and the Chang Jiang, also called the Yangtze (YANG-tsee) River.
- Despite these rivers, the plateau around them is rather dry, and the natural vegetation consists of sparse scrubs and grasses.
- The Huang He is one of the longest rivers in the world and possibly also the world's muddiest. The mud makes the river water resemble soup.



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Draw It

Draw yourself and a friend farming near the yellow river.



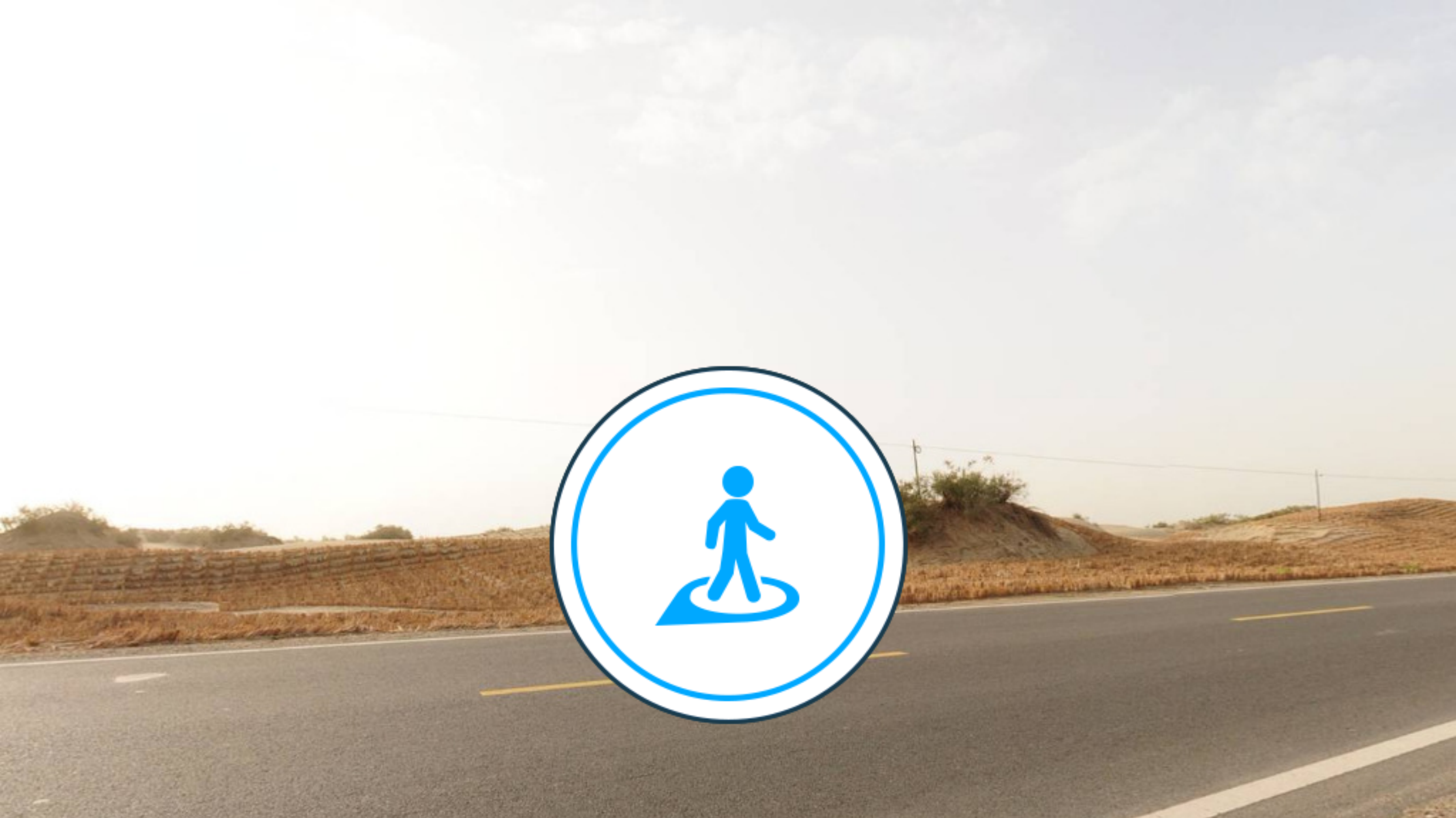
The Taklimakan Desert

- The Taklimakan Desert covers an area of about 105,000 square miles and is considered one of the most dangerous deserts in the world.
- In fact, its name means “once you go in, you will not come out.” Desert winds cause huge sand dunes to shift and change, creating sandstorms that move at a stunning speed.
- Legend says that two armies and 300 cities are buried 600 feet beneath the sand dunes.

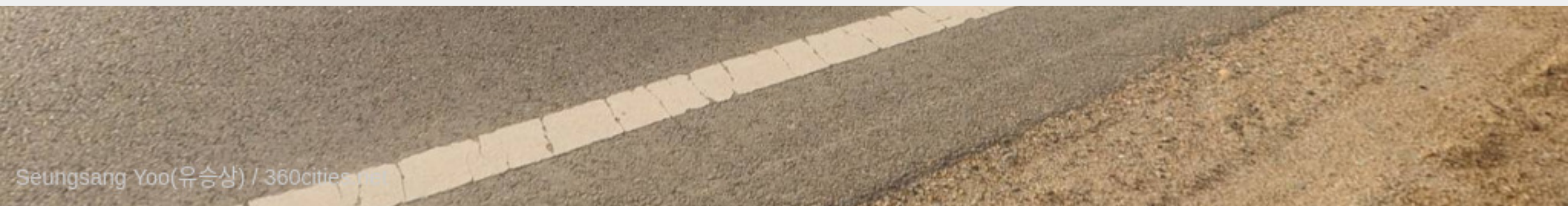


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Video

Aerial Taklimakan Desert of China's Xinjiang

Early People of China


- Archaeologists believe that the first inhabitants of China lived in caves more than 500,000 years ago.
- Remains of these people were found in the 1920s in the northeastern part of China. These cave dwellers are known today as either Peking (pay-king) man or Beijing (bay-jing) man.
- They were probably nomads who lived by hunting, gathering, and fishing. They made tools and may have used fire.

Isolation

- China's geography kept the early settlements in Inner China isolated.
- In the southwest, the towering mountains, rocky plateau, and cold climate formed a natural barrier.
- In the northwest, the large deserts created another barrier.
- Later in Chinese history, the same geographic features that kept ancient China isolated also made it challenging to govern a developing China as a unified state.
- The harsh geography and huge distances made

Open Ended Question

How do you think the rough geographic borders in China may have HELPED the Chinese throughout their history?



Quiz

China Geography

China is located on what continent?

- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Asia
- ☐ Europe
- ☐ Australia

The Himalayas are the highest mountain range in the world.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

What river in China is one of the longest, and muddiest in the world?

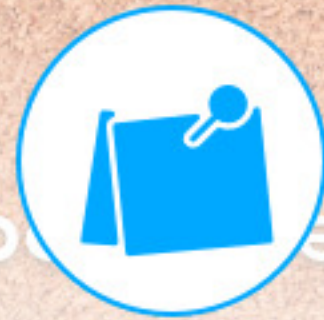
- ☐ The Yangtze
- ☐ The Nile
- ☐ The Yellow
- ☐ The Green

What desert in China is considered one of the deadliest in the world?

- ☐ Sahara
- ☐ Taco Making
- ☐ Taklimakan
- ☐ Gobi

Archaeologists believe that the first inhabitants of China lived in caves more than how many years ago.

- ☐ 200,000
- ☐ 300,000
- ☐ 400,000
- ☐ 500,000



What did you learn about the geography of China?

Collaborate Board

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Memory Test

