

Culture illustrated in South Asia

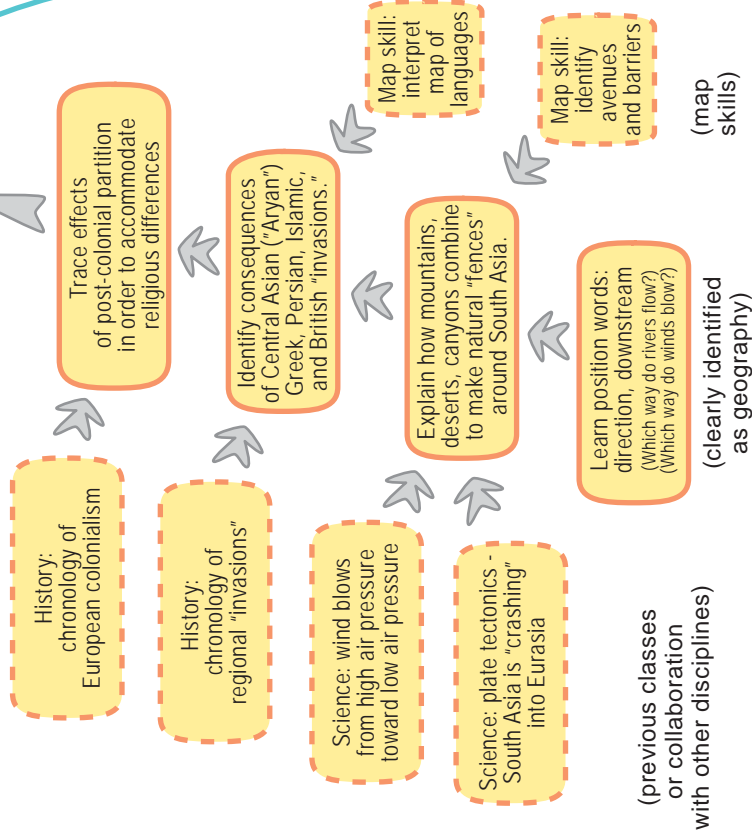
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Very approximate grade level

K/1

2 a big geographic idea
(and a good place to study it)

Cultural Differences are important in South Asia because its combination of isolation and occasional invasion made many internal divisions



3 some important consequences of the big idea

Good schools + ability to use English helped India become a tech center.

Post-colonial South Asia has many significant internal cultural divisions.

The British Raj was the first government that tried to rule over all of South Asia.

Different parts of South Asia have cultures with different histories.

Monsoon climate and volcanic soil are good for spices, tea, leek, and cotton.

Mountains + deserts + canyons kept South Asia somewhat isolated.

Many of the world's highest mountains and rainiest places are in South Asia.

(positioned where appropriate in the curriculum)

A discussion question:

What are some implications of the fact that longstanding disputes over control of land, water, and people threaten to escalate in a region where both sides have nuclear weapons?



1 a scaffold of thinking skills and background knowledge that supports the big idea