


Exploring the Clickable Map of China

Open the file from your server or
<http://textbooks.wmisd.org/bigClickableMaps.html>

This will open a list of data layers.

- ◆ Click a button to make data layer **visible**. The button will turn darker.
- ◆ Click on a darkened button to make that layer **invisible**.
- ◆ Click "Clear Map" to reset the map to the way it was when you opened the file.

If you are using a printable .pdf file:

Click on the icon that looks like a short stack of pages. 

- ◆ Clicking on an empty box will make that data layer **visible**.
- ◆ Clicking on a checked box will make that layer **invisible**.



1. Click the yellow button to show **population**. Each dot on this map represents 2 million people. Circle the best description of the overall pattern of population in China:
Spread evenly Mostly in the West Mostly in the middle Mostly in the east
2. Click to turn on the **precipitation** layer of information. How much rain seems to be needed to support dense population in the southern part of China? Circle: 10 20 40 60
3. Click to turn the population dots off (to minimize clutter as you investigate **farming**). Put an x on the line by the best statement about the pattern of basic food production:
 Rice in the west, wheat in the east Rice in the south, wheat in the north
 Rice in the north, wheat in the south Rice in the middle, wheat around the edges
4. Click "Clear Map" to start another investigation. Click to show country **borders** and **names**. About how many other countries have borders with China? Circle: 4 9 14 19
5. Which two countries have the **longest** borders with China:
 India Mongolia Russia Vietnam
6. For each of these old building projects, write the letter of the "job" it was built to do:
 Grand Canal A. Help defend farming communities against raids by the nomads in the north
 Great Wall B. Help transport different crops between the major farming regions of China
 Silk Roads C. Help trade Chinese goods with other civilizations in Central Asia and Europe
7. Click to turn on the map layer that shows the **United States** at the same scale and latitude. Circle the state that Mongolia is probably most like: Colorado Georgia N.Dakota
8. Which border listed in question 5 has the **most** Chinese people living near it? _____
Using any information from the clickable map that you think is appropriate, explain why very few people live near the borders with the other countries listed in question 5.

China Clickable Map Investigation

Turn individual layers of the clickable map on and off in order to investigate the relationships between things like latitude, highlands, precipitation, rivers, crops, population, cities, roads, and ancient building projects.

Write a paragraph that contains a topic sentence and at least four supporting statements to summarize your investigation. Each generalization should describe the map pattern of one thing and/or note possible causal relationships between two or more things (which often are on different data layers in the clickable map).

Example: "North of the Great Wall, it is cold and dry. This may be why the Xiongnu and Mongols and other people who lived there were *nomadic herders* who often raided the farming areas that are farther south in China."