

# Guided Reading Activity



## East Asia

### Lesson 2 *History of East Asia*

**Essential Questions:** What makes a culture unique?  
How do cultures spread?

### Early East Asia

**Directions:** Use your textbook to help you answer these questions about the early history of East Asia

1. What Chinese dynasties are mentioned in the main section? List them in chronological order.  
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2. What changes did China experience under the leadership of the Zhou dynasty?  
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3. What new inventions during the Tang and Song dynasties changed life for the Chinese people?  
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4. What Korean dynasties are mentioned in the section? List them in chronological order.  
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5. What are some aspects of Korea's culture that were influenced by China?  
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6. Who settled the Japanese islands?  
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7. What are some aspects of Japan's culture that were influenced by China?  
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### East Asia in Change

**Directions:** Use your textbook to help you fill in the blanks with information about how East Asia changed over time.

### China

Up until the 1500s, East Asia was mostly 1. \_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of the world. However, starting in the 1500s, East Asian countries began to 2. \_\_\_\_\_ with countries in other parts of the world. This brought them into contact with other 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

By the 1800s, China had become 4. \_\_\_\_\_ because of internal problems. The governments of European countries and Japan 5. \_\_\_\_\_ large areas of China for exclusive trading 6. \_\_\_\_\_. This made Chinese people angry and led to a 7. \_\_\_\_\_ in China in 1911.

From 1927 until 1949, China was led by a Nationalist leader named 8. \_\_\_\_\_. But after many years of civil war, the 9. \_\_\_\_\_ won power.

### Japan

The first Europeans to visit Japan arrived around 10. \_\_\_\_\_. After that, traders and 11. \_\_\_\_\_ visited Japan until the early 1600s, when Japan's rulers decided to 12. \_\_\_\_\_ Japan. They forced all foreigners to leave and blocked all relations with the outside world.

In 1854 a U.S. naval officer forced the Japanese to end their isolation and open their country to 13. \_\_\_\_\_. This led the Japanese to realize that European countries were far more 14. \_\_\_\_\_. Japan learned all it could about the West and soon became an 15. \_\_\_\_\_ and military power.

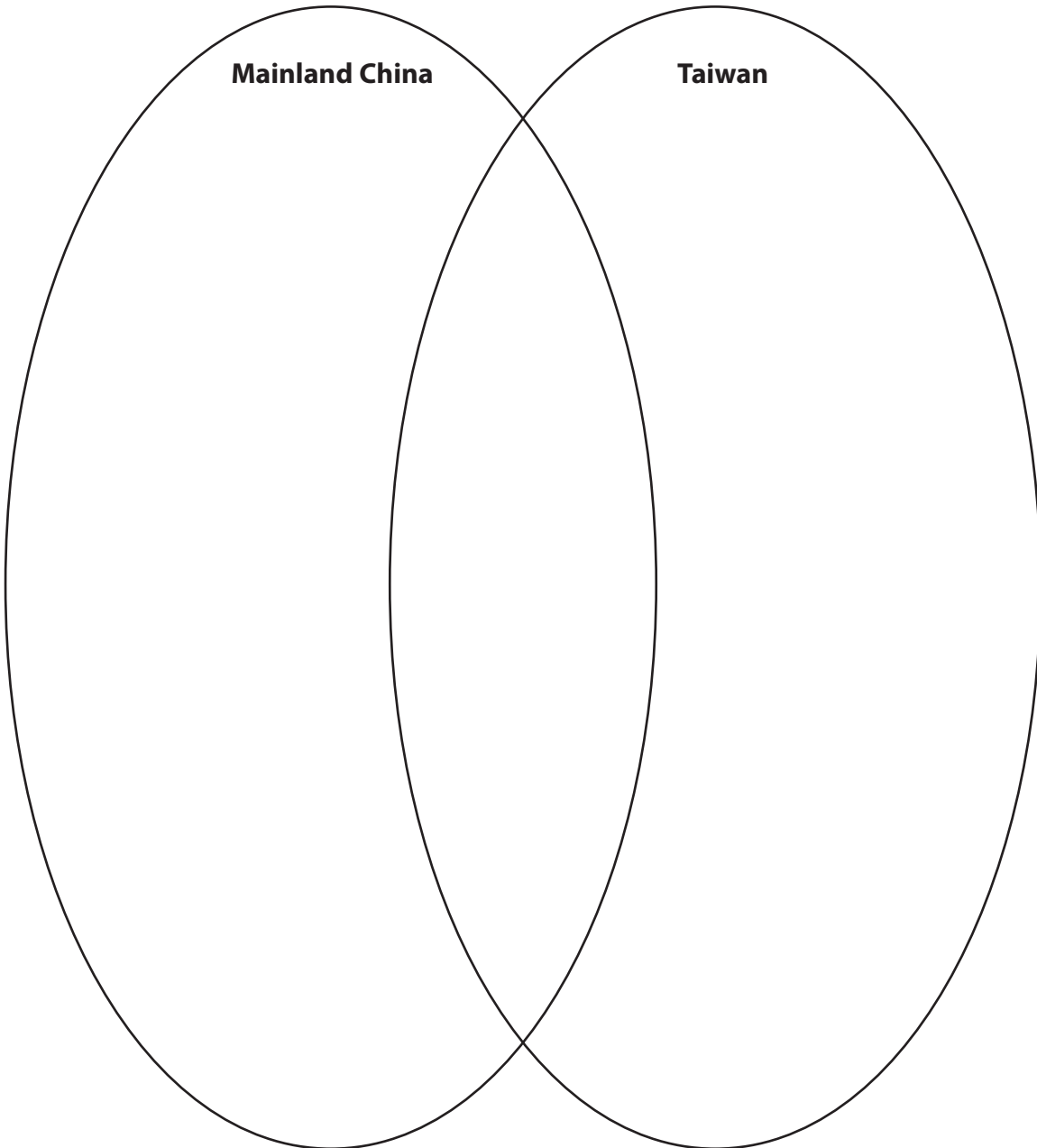
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### Modern East Asia

**Directions:** Use your textbook to complete the Venn Diagrams comparing and contrasting China and Taiwan and North Korea and South Korea after World War II.



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