Southwest and Central Asia
Regional Atlas-

MAP ZONE

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1. The map shows the following major rivers in China: Huang He and Chang Jiang and in India: Ganges River, Godavan River and Krishna River.
2. The answer to this question is a matter of opinion. Students are asked to speculate, or guess, and their answers should articulately reflect an appropriate explanation of how the student thinks that rivers influence where people live in this region.

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1. The three largest countries in this region are China, India and either Indonesia or Mongolia, depending on student opinion of these two countries.
2. Student answers may vary, but could include the idea that many of the capital cities in this region are located on boundary lines or the border between countries.

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1. Based on the map, India and China have the largest populations.
2. Southwestern China has the highest elevation, while the north eastern part of the country has the highest concentration of population. From this pattern, you can guess that people have settled away from the mountainous region of the country.

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1. The main climate in the islands of Southeast Asia is humid tropical.
2. Most of this region has warm climates.

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1. Commercial farming is found in eastern China.
2. There are no major resources in central China, limiting economic activity in this area.

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1. New Zealand is an island located southeast of Australia.
2. Student answers may vary, but students may conclude that this region's island geography increases both travel and trade.

FACTS ABOUT COUNTRIES

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1. New Zealand, Japan, Australia, Taiwan and Singapore have the highest per capita GDPs. Each is at least $10,000 less than the GDP of Washington, D.C.
2. Japan's life expectancy is 81.4 and the number of TVs per 1,000 people in Japan is 719, while in Kiribati, the life expectancy is 62.5 and the number of TVs per 1,000 people in Kiribati is only 23. The answer to the second part of this question is a matter of speculation or opinion. Student answers will vary.

ANALYSIS SKILLS

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1. China and India have the 2 highest populations.
2. Japan exports transportation equipment, cars, semiconductors and electronics while China exports machinery, electronics, clothing, plastics, furniture and toys. The high demand and high prices for these exports have helped to shape Japan and China as economic powers.