





# GEOGRAPHY

- **Vast territory with rich history**
- **Natural resources**
  - Coal, oil, rubber, tin, etc.
- **Raw materials and exports**
  - Rice, tea, silk, spices, etc.





# POPULATION

- **World's most populous region**
- **China – #1 in world population**
- **India – #2 in world population**
- **Other countries – Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, etc.**



# FOREIGN INFLUENCES

## Early 19<sup>th</sup> to Early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries

- **Great Britain**
  - Burma, China, India, Malaya, New Guinea, Singapore, etc.
- **Holland (Netherlands – the Dutch)**
  - East Indies
- **France**
  - China and French Indochine (Indo-China)



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- **Germany**
  - Pacific islands – Carolines, Marianas, Marshalls
  - Shantung peninsula
- **Russia**
  - Siberia to the Pacific Ocean
  - Manchuria
- **Japan**
  - Formosa
  - Manchuria
  - Korea



# GROWING NATIONALISM

- Increased during and after World War I
- Ideals of democracy, freedom, and nationalism increased with industrialization
- Largely independent following World War II
- “Hot spots” during the Cold War
  - Korean War
  - Vietnam War