

# Chapter 20 Homework



**Read Chapter 20 (pages 451 - 467). Answer these questions on notebook paper. Your answers MUST come from the book, unless the instructions tell you to look online.**

1. The highest plateau in the world has an average elevation of 16,000 feet (3 miles high). What is the name of the plateau?
2. Why is this plateau called “the Asian water tower”?
3. The book says that Taiwan experiences 15,000 -18,000 earthquakes per year, but most of these are microearthquakes and so they can’t be felt by people. Search online for the number of catastrophic earthquakes that Taiwan has had since 1900.
4. Name the three key bodies of water in China.
5. Why was the construction of the Three Gorges Dam controversial? Use the book.
6. Go to this website to answer the following questions:  
<https://earth.org/environmental-issues-in-china/>
  - a. What are the five main environmental problems in China currently?
  - b. What percentage of the country’s groundwater is polluted?
  - c. What type of pollution is among China’s most pressing environmental issues?
7. Click on this link to see real-time air quality monitoring. <http://aqicn.org/map/china/> The red flags indicate unhealthy air pollution levels, maroon is hazardous, green is good. Compare the air quality levels in China to the air quality in the US, the Middle East, and Australia (zoom out to see the whole map).
8. Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNR9QjmhH00>
  - a. The tour guide explains how the city has changed in the past 10 years. How has the city changed?
  - b. What street food do they rate as 12/10?
  - c. Where do they go after they eat street food?
  - d. What are the people doing at the beach at night?
  - e. What is inside the World War 2 tunnel?
9. List the names of the four economic “Asian Tigers”.
10. What kind of government does each country have:
  - a. China
  - b. Mongolia
  - c. Taiwan
11. Describe the education system in China.
12. What is Taiwan a major producer of?
13. What is the official dialect in China?
14. Confucius is an honored teacher of philosophy in China. What was his belief about a moral government and what did he do to promote this idea?
15. What are the beliefs of Taoism?

16. Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2jhhmAUEuk>
- a. Why don't people want to live in Mongolia?
  - b. Inner Mongolia (part of China) has more Mongolians than Mongolia. Why?
17. Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lveqUIGav8>
- a. List 5 interesting things you can see or do in Taiwan.