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Chapter 23, Section 1

CHINA'S LAND AND ECONOMY

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WHAT IS CHINA?

- ✘ The *People's Republic of China*
 - + The communist China
 - + What about Taiwan?
 - ✘ "Nationalist China"
 - + More on the history later
- ✘ Largest and 3rd Largest in the world
 - + Largest in Population
 - + 3rd Largest in Area (Russia-1 and Canada-2)

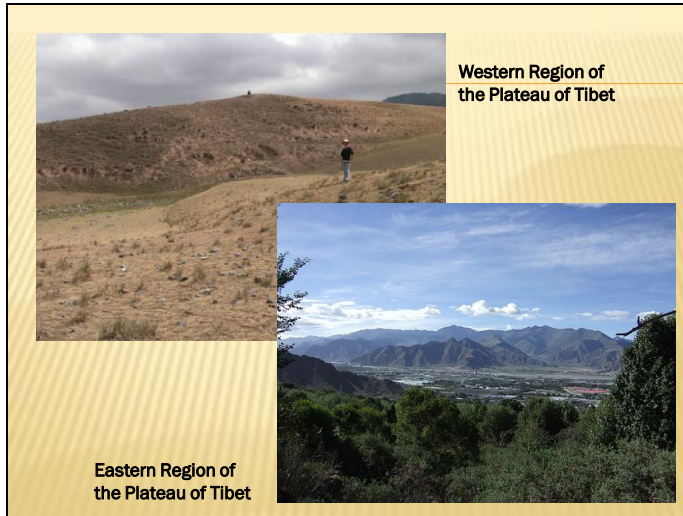


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CHINA'S LANDSCAPE

- ✘ China's large area includes many different landforms.
- ✘ Extreme Highlands
 - + Mountains – cover about 1/3 of the country
 - ✘ *Himalaya, Kunlun Shan, Tian Shan, Altay Mountains*
 - + World's largest plateau – *Plateau of Tibet*
 - ✘ "Roof of the World" – avg. 14,800 ft. asl
 - ✘ Harsh landscape that improves as you move east.

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CHINA'S LANDSCAPE

- × Extreme Lowlands
 - + In the west high landforms dominate, but:
 - × **Turpan Depression** (east of Tian Shan)
 - * 505 ft below sea level, with temps reaching 122° F
 - × **Taklimakan Desert**
 - * High temps and strong **sandstorms**
 - + The eastern 1/3 is predominately lowland
 - × Gobi – desert with rocks and stones instead of sand

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CHINA'S LANDSCAPE

- × Extreme Lowlands (cont.)
 - + The eastern 1/3 is predominately lowland
 - × **Gobi** – desert with **rocks and stones** instead of sand
 - + The **Manchurian Plain** and **North China Plain**
 - × Rich agricultural land and strong manufacturing
 - × About 90% of China's population lives here.
 - × Beijing and Shanghai are home to industry

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CHINA'S LANDSCAPE

- ✘ China's major rivers – **Yellow, Yangtze, and Xi**
 - + Both a blessing and a curse. Why?
 - + Spring floods bring rich farming soil.
 - + Flooding has caused many lives – “China's Sorrow”
 - + China has responded by building *dams* and *dikes*
- ✘ Let's take a look at China's **Three Gorges Dam**
- ✘ Eastern China lies along a **fault** – What does this mean?
