Chapter 8

Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia

Before You Read: Predicting

Scan the title of the chapter and lesson titles. Write three questions you think might be answered in the chapter. One example is:

How are Japan, Korea, and the kingdoms of Southeast Asia alike in their geography?

If you find the answer to one of your questions as you read, write it down in your notebook.

Big Ideas About East and Southeast Asia

Geography Many geographic factors influence history.

The closeness of Japan, Korea, and mainland Southeast Asia to China influenced their development. China has been one of the world’s largest and most powerful countries for much of the past 5,000 years. Its ideas, culture, and even political control spread into neighboring regions. India, another powerful country in Asia, also extended its culture in the area.

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EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

- Khmers establish kingdom in Southeast Asia.
- Prince Shotoku begins his rule in Japan.
- Koryu dynasty controls Korea.

WORLD

- Muhammad is born in Mecca.
- Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor by pope.

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1192  First shogun comes to power in Japan. (Yoritomo Minamoto)

1200

1400

1600

1800

1076  Ghana Empire in West Africa conquered by Muslims.

1428  Vietnamese drive out Chinese invaders.

1603  Tokugawa Shogunate begins in Japan.