

Southern Asia

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the geographic regions and nations of Southern Asia
- the history, governments, economies, and cultures of Southern Asia
- the current issues facing Southeast Asia

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 20: Southern Asia: Geography and History

Rivers, mountains, plains. The Ganges and Mekong rivers affect the lives of South Asians. Identify the major geographic features where you live. Discuss how they might have shaped the establishment of your city or town. What impact do these geographic features have on your lives today?

Chapter 21: India and Its Neighbors

Cultural influences. Indian culture influenced neighboring countries. Talk about the different cultural influences in your own community. How might your community be different without these influences?

Chapter 22: Southeast Asia Today

War. Although the United States and Vietnam once fought a war, today the two countries have opened trade. Discuss reasons that countries might go to war. What other means can countries use to settle differences?

Make It

A Big Book of American Culture. The religion of Buddhism and the concept of zero came from ancient India. Working together, write and illustrate a big book about American culture. Include a page on different topics, such as books, films, music, fashion, religion, science, and so on.

Read to Learn More About It

Afghanistan by Miriam Greenblatt. The history, culture, and geography of modern-day Afghanistan are detailed here. See others in the *Enchantment of the World* series.

Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind by Suzanne Fisher Staples. This is the story of a girl growing up in a nomadic Pakistani family.

The Vietnam War by Douglas Willoughby. Causes and consequences of the Vietnam War are discussed here.



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