China

**Land and Economy**
More people live in China than in any other country in the world. China has the second-largest land area of any Asian country. Mountain ranges, plateaus, plains, deserts, and rivers are some of China’s geographic features.

**Climate and Resources**
China has different climates and resources. China’s western and northern regions have many mineral resources. Most people live in China’s eastern region. This region has a mild climate, rich soil, and rivers for transportation and irrigation.

**China’s Economy**
China had a command economy from 1950 until the late 1970s. During this time, China’s government decided what goods to make and who would make them. Since the 1980s, the government has allowed people to run their own businesses. Manufacturing and other industries have grown since then. However, this growth has led to air pollution.

**Manufacturing and Trade**
In the late 1970s, China began trading with more countries. This helped its economy to grow. China began selling more exports to other countries and buying more imports from other countries. Exports from China include machines, clothing, and toys. China buys imports such as chemicals and fuel. Because of an increase in trade, cities have grown around factories.

After You Read

What resources are found in China’s eastern region? Circle the sentence that tells the answer.

What are some of China’s imports? Highlight the sentence that tells the answer.