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The Geography of China

Level/ Class:

This lesson is intended for fourth grade students of mixed ability levels. This is the first lesson in a week long study of China.

Lesson Plan:

China is one of the largest countries in the world in land area. Its vast land area includes deserts, mountains, and rivers. A country's geography plays a large role in where its people live and how they support themselves. It is very important for students to understand the physical features of China as they learn about this fascinating country. The students will label a blank map of China (handout #1) using the list that is on handout #2. A map of China (handout #3) will be placed on the overhead projector for the students to use to locate each of the items listed on their handout. The students will create a legend on their maps. The legend will show that deserts are labeled in brown, mountains are labeled in green, plateaus are labeled in yellow, and bodies of water are labeled in blue.

Objectives:

This lesson will allow the students to practice map skills. They will learn how to create and use a map legend. The students will also learn how the landforms of a country affect the lives of its people. Map skills are a requirement of our state standards for social studies.

Time Period:

This lesson should take one forty-five minute class period.

Materials Needed:

Two student handouts
Pencil
Colored pencils (brown, yellow, green, and blue)
Overhead projector
Overhead transparency
Map of China
Construction paper
Glue

Assessment:

After the maps are completed the students will mount them on construction paper for display. The students will be assessed on the neatness and the accuracy of their maps.

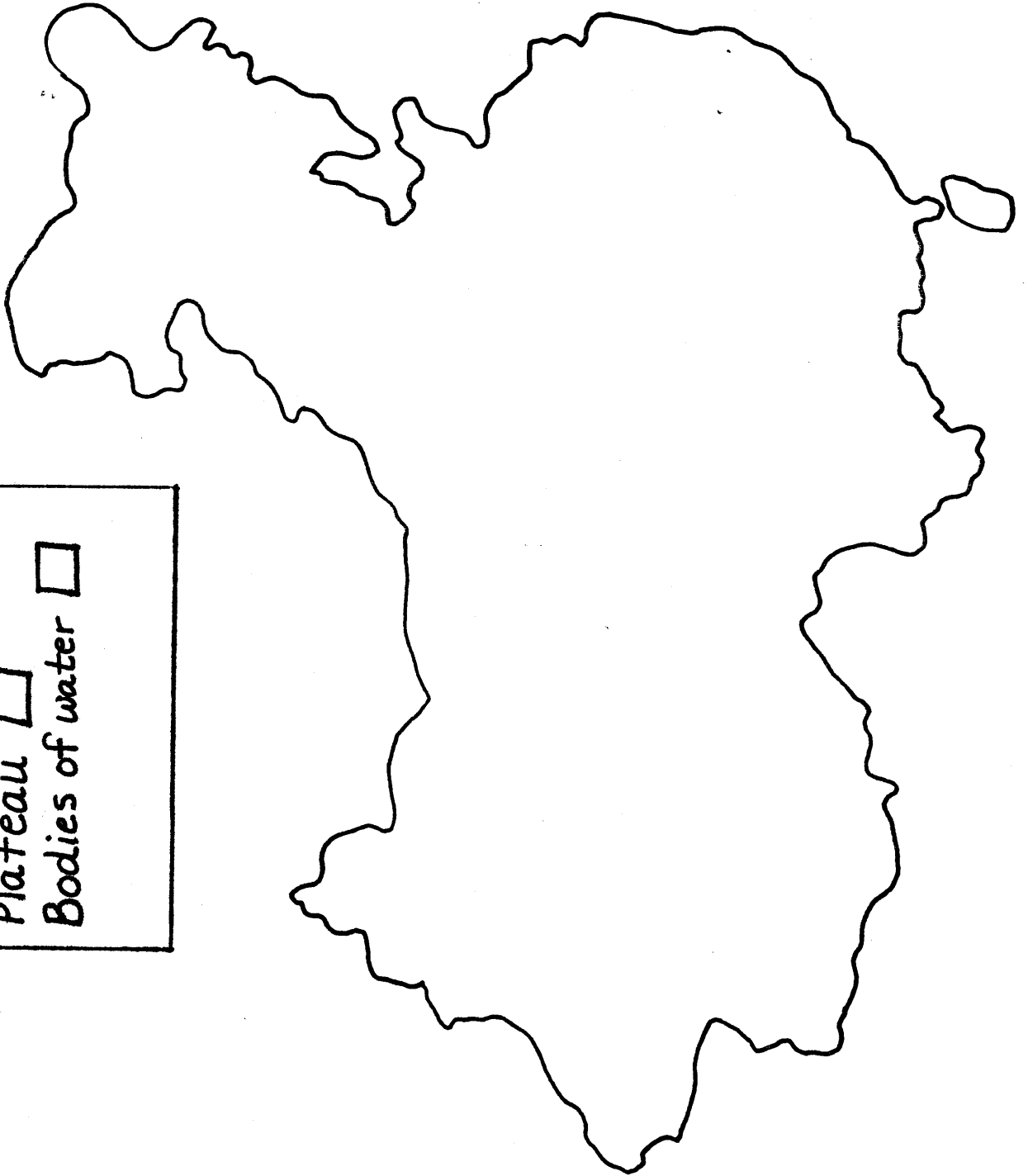
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MAP OF CHINA



Legend

- Deserts
- Mountains
- Plateau
- Bodies of water

Identify and Label
Map of China

1. Takla Makan Desert
2. Kunlun Mts.
3. Tibetan Plateau
4. Altay Mts.
5. Qilian Mts.
6. Gobi Desert
7. Himalaya Mts.
8. Bay of Bengal
9. Greater Khingan Mts.
10. Yangtze River
11. Nanling Mts.
12. Yellow Sea
13. Sea of Japan
14. South China Sea
15. Bay of Korea

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Map 1.

