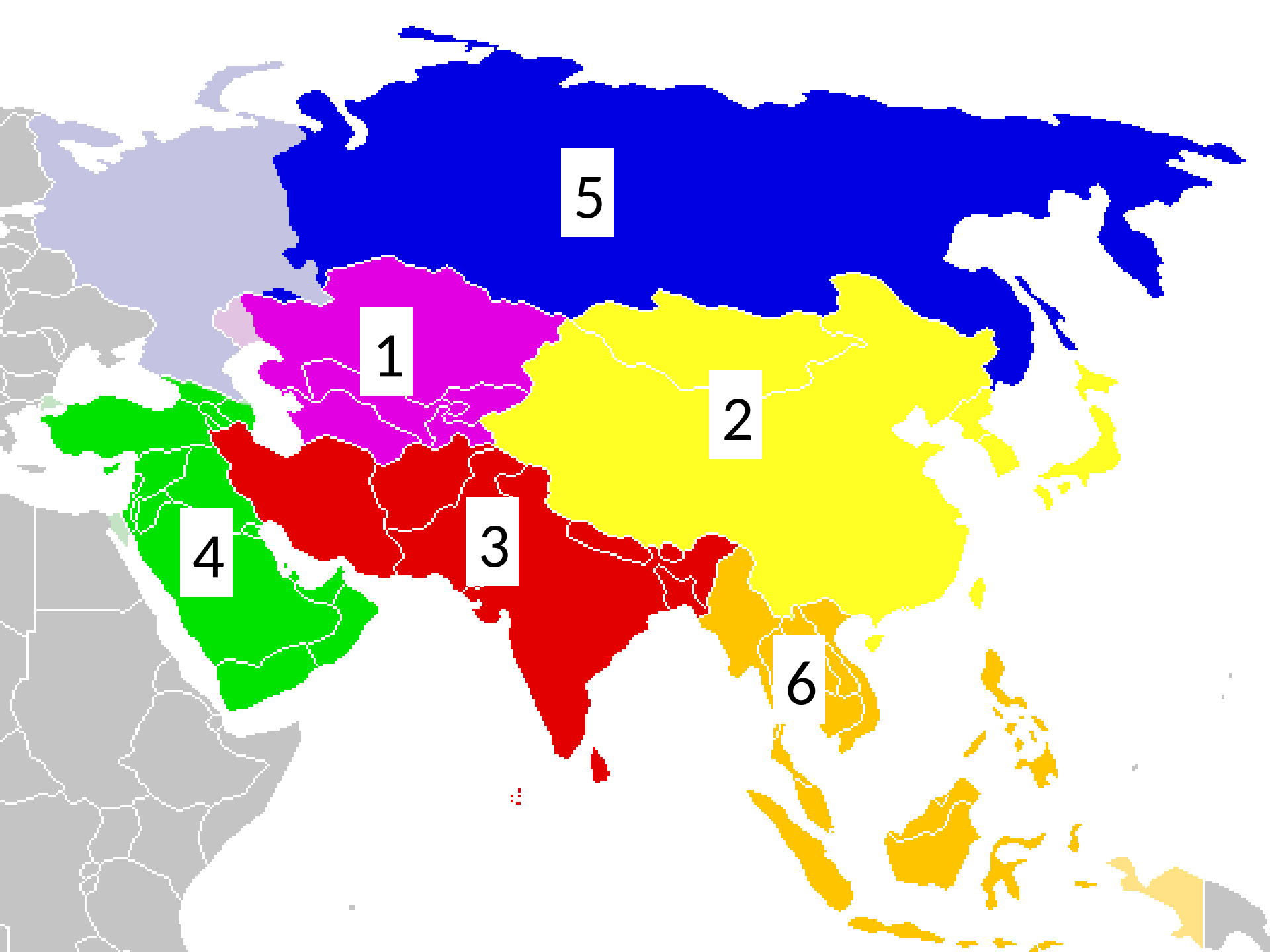




# Culture of Asia

# Asian Society

- Asian Culture is divided into six sub regions:
  - 1.) Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan)
  - 2.) East Asia (China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Mongolia, and Taiwan)
  - 3.) South Asia (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka)
  - 4.) West Asia (corresponds with the Middle East)
  - 5.) North Asia (Russia and Mongolia)
  - 6.) Southeast Asia (Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines)



# Asian Society

- Structure of Asian Society:

- Hunter-Gatherer
- Nomadic
- Agrarian/Rural
- Urban



- Asian Society has adapted to the various climate zones across Asia:

- Mountains
- Deserts
- Grasslands/Forests
- Wetlands
- Arctic

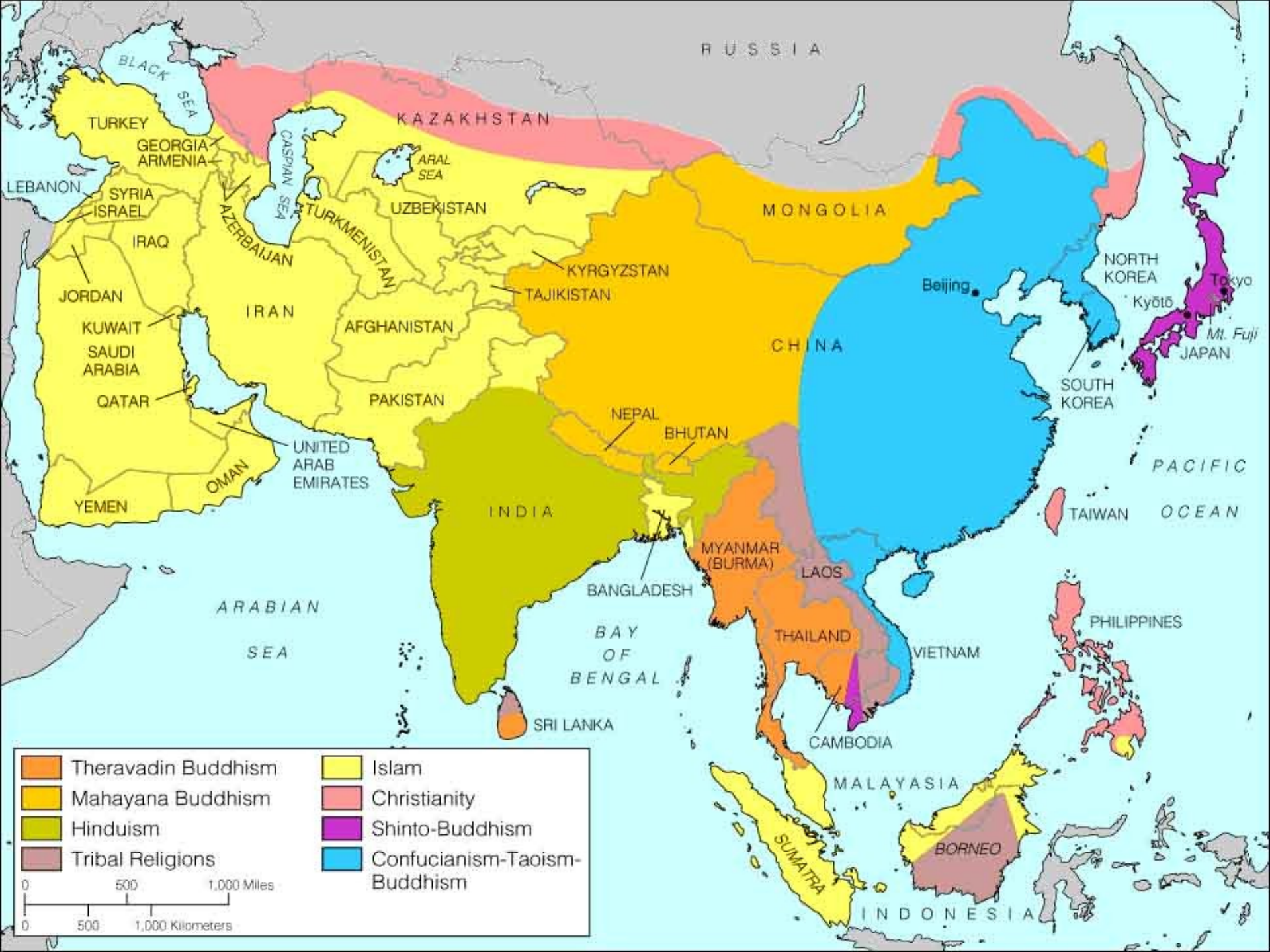
Asian culture and society is also a mixture of traditional Asian culture with modern Asian culture



# Religion

- Asia has a diverse amount of religions which include the following:
  - Buddhism
  - Hinduism
  - Sikhism
  - Confucianism
  - Taoism
  - Shinto
  - Islam
  - Christianity
  - Judaism
  - Tribal Religions





 Theravadin Buddhism	 Islam
 Mahayana Buddhism	 Christianity
 Hinduism	 Shinto-Buddhism
 Tribal Religions	 Confucianism-Taoism-Buddhism

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# Language

- Asia is home to many diverse languages
- Most Asian countries have more than one native language
  - 600 languages are spoken in Indonesia
  - 100 languages are spoken in the Philippines
  - 1,683 native languages are spoken in India

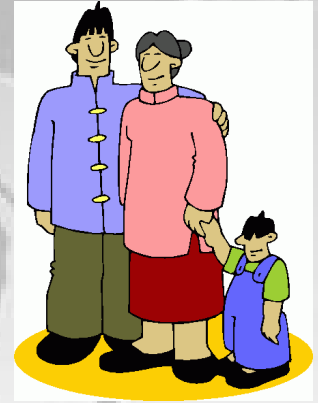


**Asia Tool Kit** The Map on the next slide shows the main “family of languages” in Asia

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# Family Structure



- Family is primary
- Extended and Nuclear Family structure
- Hierarchical family structure:
  - males and older individuals holding higher status
- Patriarchal (husband led) Gender Roles:
  - Males: highly valued & desired; carry family name
  - Females: less valued; subservient to males; carry out duties and chores; bear children



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Map of Asia

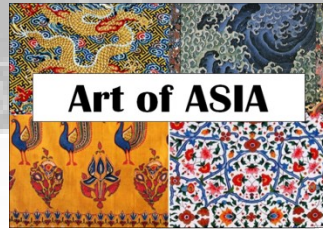
- Respect for elders
- Loyalty to people in authority
- Disciplined
- Honor and Loyalty to family

# Art, Literature, and Music

- The richness of the Asian culture is displayed through art and literature
- Due to the many sub regions of Asia, art and literature across Asia is diverse

## Art

- Porcelain
- Ceramics/Pottery
- Calligraphy
- Paintings
- Glass and Metal ware
- Rugs and Textiles
- Architecture



## Literature

- Poetry is common form of literature across Asian

## Music

- Asian music has many styles and varies based on region



# Sports

The following are Popular sports in Asia:



Soccer



Badminton



Cricket



Table Tennis

Basketball



# Clothing

- Due to the diversity of the Asian continent, clothing styles vary from nation to nation and people to people

- Misconception: People in Asia where silk robes with a silk belt and sandals as shoes.

- The Truth: Clothing styles fall into categories:
  - Traditional (Cultural/Ethnic)
  - Modern (Western inspired)
  - Religious
  - Gender (Male vs. Female)



# Traditional Clothing of China



# Traditional Clothing of Japan



# Traditional Clothing of Vietnam



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## Traditional Clothing of India



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# Food

Food in Asia varies depending on the different regions:

## Common Foods:

- Rice is a staple of most diets
  - Noodles, Bread, and Curry are other important staples
- Fish dishes
  - Raw fish popular in Japan (Sushi & Sashimi)
- Goat, Lamb, and Chicken are most common meats
  - Hinduism forbids the consumption of beef
- Dishes with spices common in Southeast Asia
  - Ginger, cumin, cinnamon, nutmeg, and coriander
- Stir Fry is most common Asian cooking technique



## Dining Etiquette:

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table Map of Asia

- Chopsticks are used as eating utensils in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam
- Eating with hands is common in India



Rice Dishes



Noodle Dish



Sushi Dish



Curry Dish