

World Geography Glossary

Unit 11

Term	Definition
archipelago	group of islands
contiguous	touching; continuous
delta	a landform that forms from deposits of sediment carried by a river as the flow leaves its mouth
Typhoon	A major storm that hits coastal regions of Asia in the pacific
steppe	expanse of grassland
tsunami	a massive sea wave caused by an earthquake, which in turn causes flooding an massive destruction along coastal areas
yurt	Mongolian tent dwelling
Population pyramid	is a graphical illustration that shows the distribution of various age groups in a population
Taiwan	A region that has a long-running dispute with China for independence and is formally controlled by China
Economic Tiger	The term given to South Korea, Singapore, and other areas in Asia experiencing rapid economic growth
Dynasties	ruling style of China based on a succession of family
Spratly Islands	An area of dispute within the South China Sea between China and a few of its neighbors
Manchurian Plain	Known as the “breadbasket of China” this area was seized by the Japanese before World War II to help their own crop production; it has since been returned to China
Qin	The Dynasty that gave China its current name