

VISITING A FARM/RURAL AREA

Levels: 5 & 6

Activity: 3

Overview

Agriculture is an important industry in many countries. The types of farming and techniques used differ in different places, influenced by factors such as climate, landscape and demand for particular plant and animal products. During this activity, students will investigate farming in different countries in Asia and make comparisons with farming in Australia.

Resources

- Projector or SmartBoard
- Computer access for students
- Appendix A: *World map*

Activity

ENGAGE

Brainstorm countries and cities in Asia, compiling these in a list on a whiteboard or butcher's paper. Give students a copy of Appendix A: *World map*. Together, locate Asia. Give them 5 minutes to label as many countries/cities as they can. Display a map of Asia (for example Google Maps) and give students some time to check their answers, make changes and add places.

EXPLORE

In pairs, either allocate or allow students to choose a country in Asia. They will now spend some time investigating farming in their allocated country. Some things to find out about might include:

- What types of products are farmed?
- By who?
- How?
- Where?

EXPLAIN

Ask students whether they think farming is similar in their allocated country and Australia. Discuss the possible reasons for any difference, for example; climate, geographical features, demand for products, labour etc.

ELABORATE

Give students time to create a table in their workbooks that shows some of the similarities and differences between farming in Australia and their allocated country. Allow time for further research if necessary.

EVALUATE

Ask pairs to present their findings to the class. Create a display board in the classroom with a large map of Asia to display students' research and show the differences in farming across Asia/Australia.

Curriculum Links



Victorian Curriculum

Foundation–10

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GEOGRAPHY	<u>Geographical Concepts and Skills:</u> Place, space and interconnection	Describe and explain the diverse characteristics of places in different locations from local to global scales(VCGGC085)
	<u>Geographical Knowledge:</u> Factors that shape places and influence interconnections	Differences in the demographic, economic, social and cultural characteristics of countries across the world(VCGGK093)
		Location of the major countries of the Asian region in relation to Australia and the geographical diversity within the region (VCGGK092)
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Sample Report Comments

{Name} has a good understanding of the location of some of the major countries and cities in the Asia region.

{Name} investigated the agriculture industry in {country} and made comparisons with agriculture in Australia. {He/She} has developed an understanding of some of the different geographical, economical and cultural factors that influence this industry in different regions.

References

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Appendix A

World map

