Civilizations of Asia



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Describe the geography of Southeast Asia.
- Understand the impact of India on the history of Southeast Asia.
- Summarize the characteristics of the new kingdoms and empires in

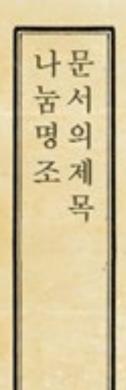
Geography of Southeast Asia

Two major regions, the first mainland Southeast Asia such as Thailand, Laos, Vietnam

The second are the islands between the Indian Ocean & South China Sea such as Philippines & Indonesia

The regions are also separated by mountains & river valleys

Trade would revolve around spices & would depend on ocean vessels.



Traditions & Women

Culture was very similar to India & China with nuclear family units & art.

Women had much more power than other regions as they could rule & run businesses

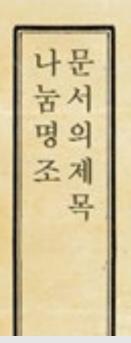
Matrilineal descent, inheritance through the mother, was also accepted



Indian Culture Spreads

Trade would bring the popular religions of Buddhism, Hinduism, & government to the region





Kingdoms & Empires

Pagan Kingdom would unit the region & King Anawrahta would rule

Stupas- dome shaped shrines, were created to spread & support Buddhism

Khmer Empire would rise to power under King Suryavarman II. Built the temples at Angkor Wat

Srivijaya Empire would eventually control trade routes in Southeast Asia



Rise of Vietnam

Vietnam would rely on rice paddies, fields which provided food for a growing population

Vietnam would use Buddhism & Daoism to shape society

Vietnam would fight back the Chinese with the Trung sisters as rulers

China was known as the "large dragon", Vietnam was the "smaller dragon"