

- Read the Vocabulary Words and their definitions. Then write the Vocabulary Word that best fits in each word group.

**terraces:** series of raised, level areas with at least one sloping side

**administrative:** having to do with managing something, such as a business or government

**elaborate:** fancy, with many details, and usually expensive

**inhabitants:** people who live in a certain place

**famine:** a widespread absence of food

**civilization:** the society and culture of a people, place, or time



1. hunger, starvation, \_\_\_\_\_
2. residents, citizens, \_\_\_\_\_
3. business, executive, \_\_\_\_\_
4. costly, detailed, \_\_\_\_\_
5. culture, society, \_\_\_\_\_
6. farms, hillsides, \_\_\_\_\_



- Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each sentence.

7. The princess wore an \_\_\_\_\_ silk gown decorated with jewels.
8. Her garden was planted on \_\_\_\_\_ that were cut into the hillside.
9. When the crops failed, a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ resulted.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country worked together to plant new crops.



Look in a book or magazine to find a picture of something that has elaborate decorations. Write a caption about the picture. Use the word *elaborate*.

- Read the paragraph, and look at the maps. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question. The underlined numbers will help you.

The world's largest nation, Russia, had an area of 6,592,800 square miles in 1999. Though far smaller than Russia, both China and the U.S. are larger than most other nations. (Only Canada is larger than these two.) In 1999 China had an area of 3,691,521 square miles, while the U.S. had an area of 3,536,341 square miles.



- 1 What information can you learn from the maps ONLY?

A the shapes of the three countries  
 B that Russia is the largest country  
 C that the U.S. is smaller than China  
 D that Canada is larger than the U.S.

**Tip**

Check each answer choice against the paragraph. Eliminate any choices that you find in the paragraph.

- 2 What does the paragraph tell you that the map does not?

F the three countries' population  
 G the three countries' exact area  
 H that Canada is larger than Russia  
 J that China is smaller than the U.S.

**Tip**

Neither the map nor the paragraph tells about population, or numbers of people. From the other three answer choices, pick the one that gives accurate information.

- 3 If the countries' areas were represented on a bar graph, which bar would be shortest?

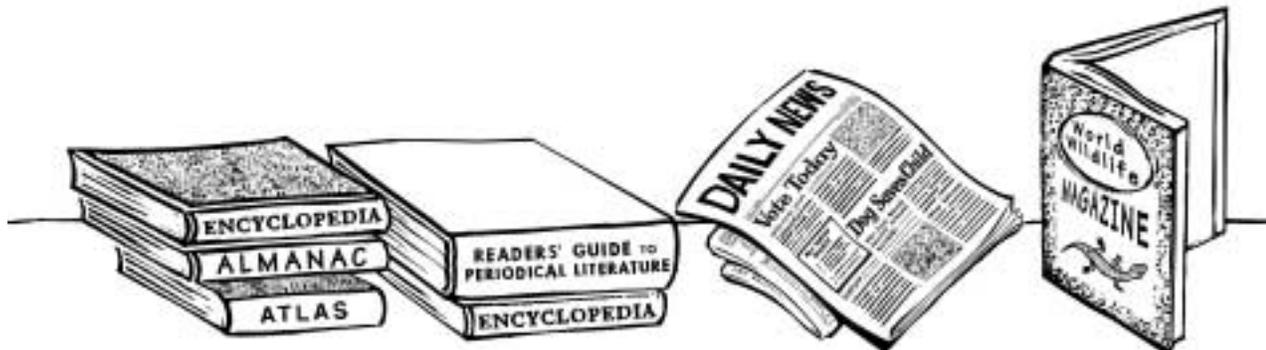
A Canada's  
 B the United States's  
 C Russia's  
 D China's

**Tip**

Use the underlined figures in the passage to put the countries' areas in order. Which country has the smallest area?



- Think about the information you would find in the reference sources shown here. Then read each sentence, and circle the letter of the correct answer.



- 1 If you were writing a report on China, you would begin by reading the "China" article in
  - A an encyclopedia
  - B a newspaper
  - C an atlas
- 2 If you wanted to study a map that shows China and other nations, you should look in
  - A a magazine
  - B a newspaper
  - C an atlas
- 3 To read news stories on current events in China, you might check the International News section of
  - A an almanac
  - B a newspaper
  - C an atlas
- 4 To find out about how many people live in China today, you can look in
  - A an almanac
  - B a newspaper
  - C a magazine
- 5 The *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature* would help you find an article on Chinese education that is printed in
  - A an almanac
  - B a magazine
  - C an atlas

 **SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION** With your child, study the different sections of a daily newspaper. Have your child list information that appears in the newspaper but would *not* appear in magazines, such as a weather forecast.