

CHAPTER 29

Guided Reading Strategies 29.2

Mainland Southeast Asia

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine each of the pairs of statements below. Circle the letter of the statement in each pair that is true.

1. **a.** Modern humans have lived in Southeast Asia for at least 40,000 years.
b. Modern humans have lived in Southeast Asia for at least 400,000 years.
2. **a.** The most highly developed early culture group in the region was the Indochine.
b. The most highly developed early culture group in the region was the Khmer.
3. **a.** Europeans first came to Southeast Asia in the early 1500s.
b. Europeans first came to Southeast Asia in the early 1800s.
4. **a.** Only Siam (now Thailand) was never colonized by Europeans.
b. Only Burma (now Myanmar) was never colonized by Europeans.
5. **a.** The Chinese invaded Southeast Asia during World War II.
b. The Japanese invaded Southeast Asia during World War II.
6. **a.** Many of the region’s smaller ethnic groups live in mountain areas.
b. Many of the region’s smaller ethnic groups live in valley areas.
7. **a.** Most of the region’s major cities have large Chinese populations.
b. Most of the region’s major cities have large Japanese populations.
8. **a.** French has become the language of international business in the region.
b. English has become the language of international business in the region.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, give the following information about the culture of mainland Southeast Asia.

1. Dominant cultural group in each country: _____

2. Dominant religion: _____
3. Most important food: _____
4. Two festivals in Myanmar: _____
5. Rural clothing: _____