

Asia (continued)

Deserts

Arabian (900,000 miles²)

Major desert system
covering the Arabian
peninsula and encroaching
into Western Asia/the Middle
East

The Arabian Desert
includes the Rub' al Khali
(the empty quarter)
which is the Earth's
largest sand desert

The Syrian Desert is also
considered a part of
the larger Arabian Desert

The Arabian Desert is an
extension of the Sahara
(in Africa) & created by
the persistent high pressure
of the Horse Latitudes and the
rain shadow of the Atlas Mountains

Asia (continued)

Deserts (continued)

Gobi (500,000 miles²)

Large desert of China &
Mongolia

Formed in the rain shadow
of the Tibetan Plateau

Rivers

Yangtze (China) is the longest
river in Asia & 3rd
longest on the Earth

Earth's largest Hydro-electric
power station (Three Gorges Dam)
is on the Yangtze

Huang He (China) is the 3rd
longest river in Asia and
the cradle of Ancient