

Mosaic:

An Overview of Southeast Asian
History



























Geography

Subduction of tectonic plates

- *creation of Himalayan Mountains*
 - river systems and deltas
 - Irrawaddy, Salween, Mekong, Red Rivers
- *and of the volcanic area in thef “Rim of Fire”*
 - Krakatao
 - recent tsunami

Rise of sea level

- *mainland (fertile areas on deltas)*
- *islands (fertile areas on Java)*
- *highlands vs. lowlands*



Major tectonic plates of the world.



Climate

- **Monsoons : seasonal winds and rain**
 - *Impact on rice-growing cycles and sites*
 - *Impact on maritime trade*
 - *location of ports and power centers*











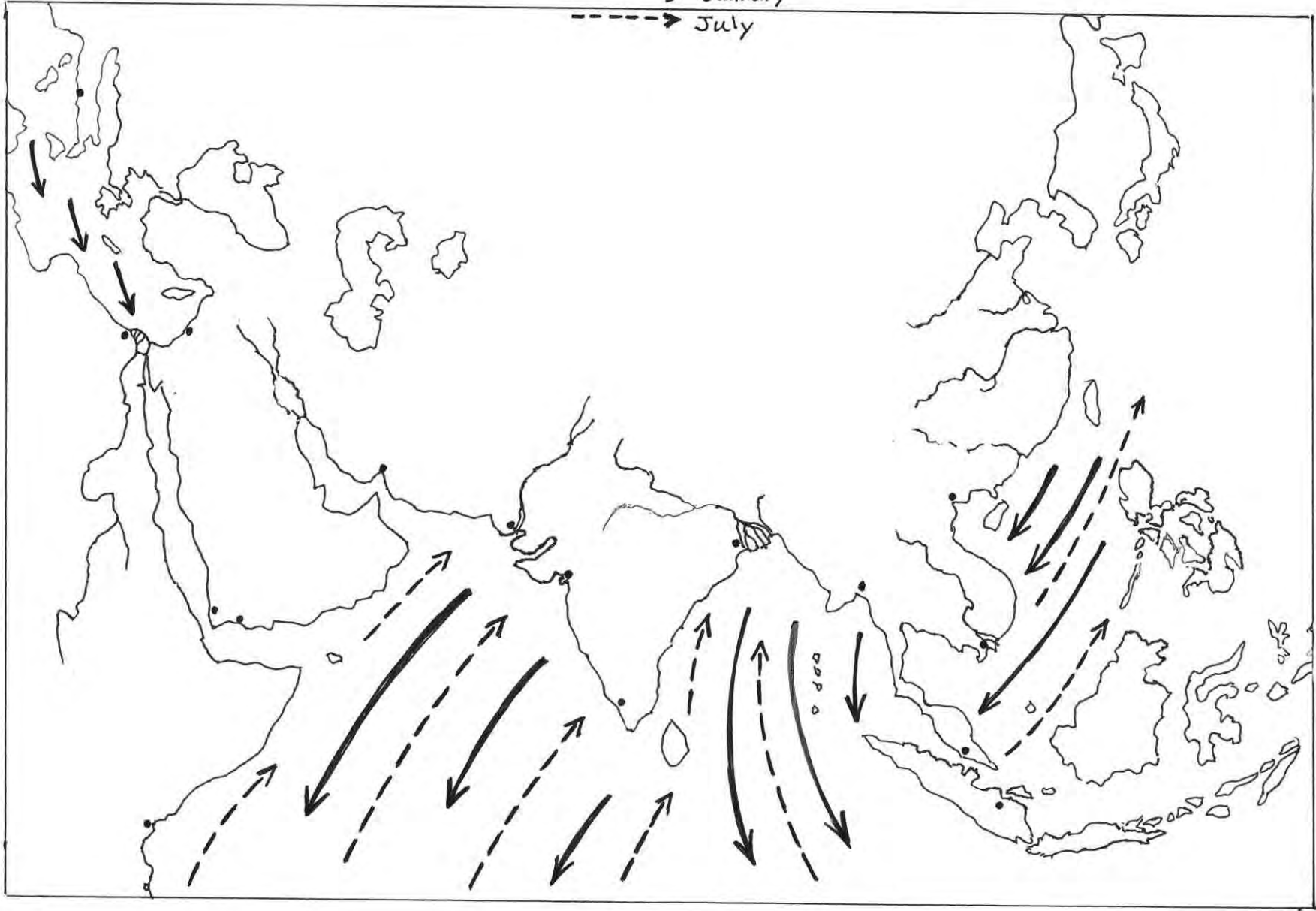


Seasonal Monsoon System

Surface Winds

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History

- **Mandala as model for power centers**
- **Pre-Classical (1st – 6th C) :**
 - *Dai-vet (Dongsan drums)*
 - *Funan*

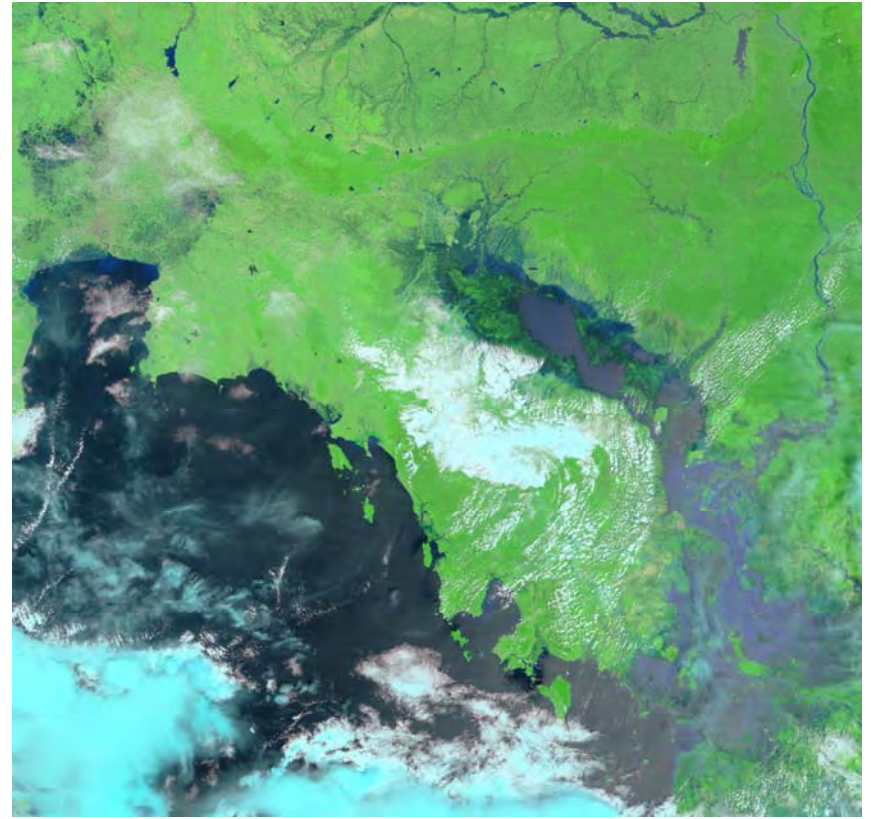
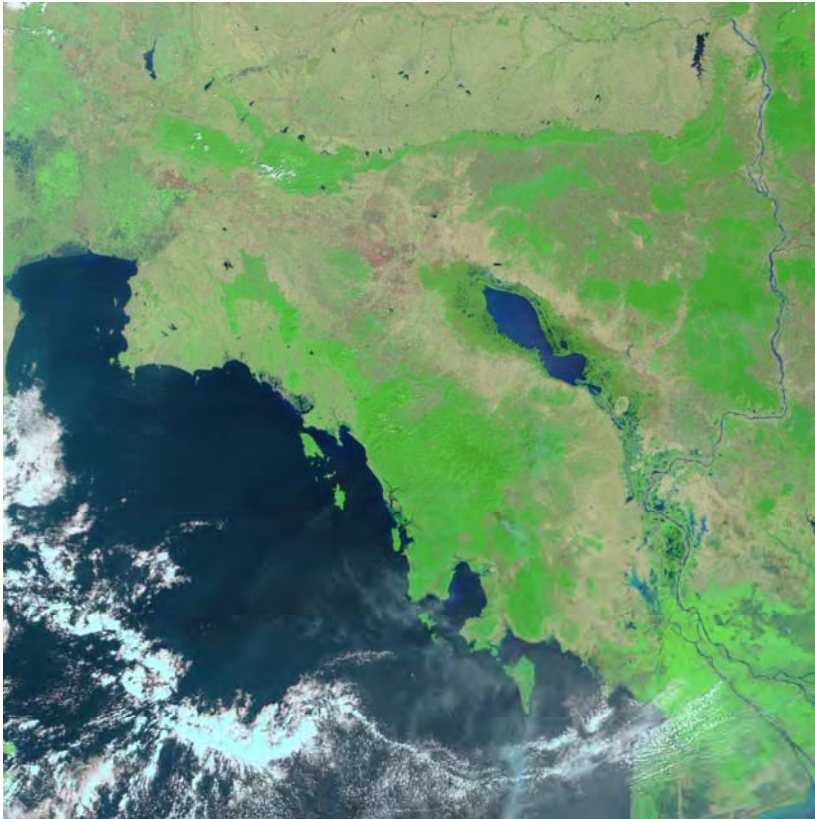


History (classical 6th – 14th C)

- ***Cambodia:***
 - Champa
 - Angkor



Seasonal Flooding on Mekong and Ton Le Sap





Classical (6th-14th C)

- Tai (Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia)
 - Bagan
 - Lanna
 - Sukhothai
 - Ayutthaya
 - Lan Sang





Classical (6th – 14th C)

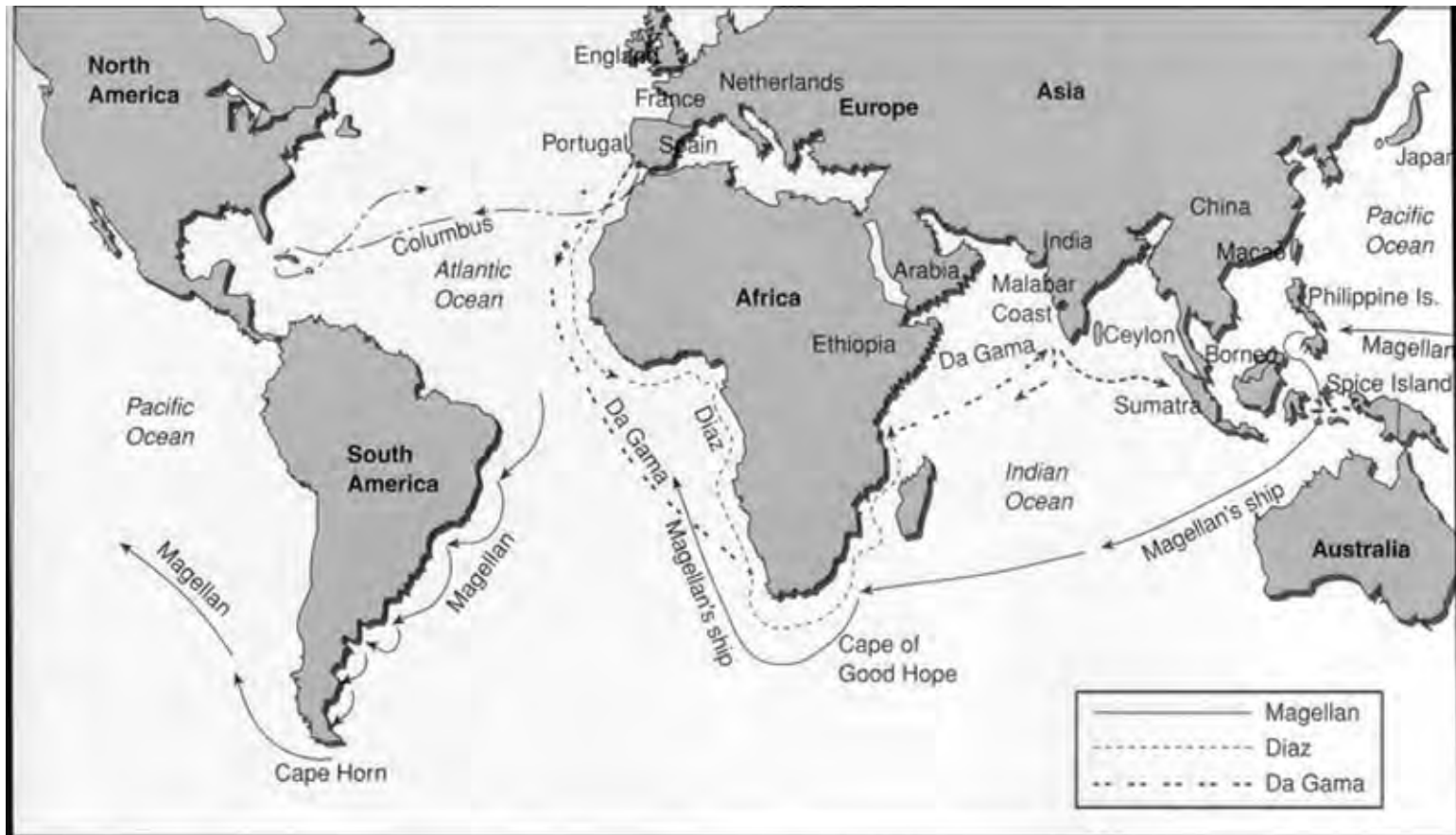
- Sumatra / Java / Malaysia
 - Sirijava
 - Mahapahit
 - Mataram
 - Melaka





History (Colonial 16th-20th C)

- ***European incursion***
 - Militarized, monopolized, state-sponsored trade
 - Fragmentation of early empires.
 - Plantation economy (coffee, sugar, rubber etc.)
 - Migration: divide and rule policies
 - *Portugese - Malacca*
 - *English – India, Burma, Malaya,*
 - *Dutch – Indonesia*
 - *French – Indochina .*



European “discovery” of Asia

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WESTERN COLONIAL RULE



Nationalism and Independence (20th-21st C)

- ***WWII.***
- ***Japanese occupation,***
- ***Communist insurgency movements***
- ***Nationalism,***
- ***Independence***
- ***Current Issues***

Modern Southeast Asia

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Religious Overlays (1)

- **Hindu influences**
 - *Devaraj,*
 - *Vedic myths - Ramayana*
 - *Sanskrit / Pali*
 - *trinity of Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva*
 - *cycle of rebirth*



Religious Overlays (2)

- **Buddhist influences**
 - *Karma*
 - *Cycle of rebirth*
 - *Four Noble Truths*
 - *Theravada vs. Mahayana*





Religious Overlays (3)

- **Islamic influences**
 - *Five Pillars,*
 - *Mecca,*
 - *Malay Muslim sultanates (Jawi)*







Religious Overlays (4)

- **Christian influences**
 - *Spanish Catholicism*
 - *Dutch Protestantism*









The Stone Goddess

Minfong Ho

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