



THE TIBET

Tibet is a plateau region in Central Asia and the indigenous home to the Tibetan people. With an average elevation of 4,900 metres (16,000 ft), it is the highest region on Earth and is commonly referred to as the "Roof of the World."

Tibet is today controlled by the People's Republic of China (PRC) (with a small part, depending on definitions, by India). As an exclusive mandate, Tibet is also officially claimed by the Republic of China (Taiwan). In the Tibetan sovereignty debate, the government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Tibet in Exile disagree over when Tibet became a part of China, and whether this incorporation into China is legitimate according to international law.

King Songtsän Gampo united many parts of the region in the seventh century. From the early 1600s the Dalai Lamas, commonly known as spiritual leaders of the region, are believed to be the emanations of *Avalokiteśvara*, the bodhisattva of compassion*.

Between the 17th century and 1959, the Dalai Lama and his regents were the predominant political power administering religious and administrative authority over Tibet from the traditional capital Lhasa, regarded as Tibet's holiest city.

*** Bodhisattva is a Buddhist term that refers to someone embarking on the path of the Buddha.**

OBJECTIVE

In this web worksheet you will be practicing, apart from reading comprehension, localization exercises using quick glance and detailed reading. This is recommended for students with an intermediate or advanced level.

PROCESS

Enter the following pages, answer the questions and resolve the exercises.

At the end of the exercise you will find a section with suggested answers.

Exercise 1. Respond by using information from the following websites:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/maps/asia/china/tibet/>

<https://www.studentsforafreetibet.org/about-tibet>

1.1 How would you describe the location of The Tibet to a tourist?

1.2 Create a table that indicates the different populations that are part of The Tibet, like their government, their religion, language and economy.

Exercise 2.

Write a small summary about the life of the Dalai Lama, use the following webpage.

<http://www.notablebiographies.com/Co-Da/Dalai-Lama.html>

Exercise 3.

Read the following article and explain the recent demands of the Tibet.

<http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2010/03/22/tibetan-autonomy-a-compromise-three-state-solution/>