GI-Unit 2

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**SOUTH ASIA’S TROUBLED WATERS**

**Bangladesh Fights for Survival Against Climate Change Questions**

1. What is char? How are chars proving helpful to the people of Bangladesh? Why is life in the lowlands, where chars form, so precarious?
2. How is climate change affecting Bangladesh?
3. What is the government of Bangladesh trying to do to combat the country’s water problem?

**Fleeing Catastrophe, Stuck in the Slums of Bangladesh**

1. What options do the people like those highlighted in the video have for a better life?

**DESERTIFICATION IN CHINA**

**Desertification: On the Trail of Abandoned Cities**

1. What is desertification?
2. How has desertification been affecting parts of western China?
3. What was the significance of the city of Yinpan, and what led to its demise?
4. Why is it important to protect historically significant places like Yinpan? Why is China unable to provide this protection?

**Interview About Desertification in China Questions**

1. What is the Chinese government doing to help people that are fleeing desertification?
2. What is an “environmental refugee”?
3. According to Sean Gallagher, how did most of the people that he interviewed feel about living in these fabricated cities?
4. When Gallagher stayed with the farmer and his family, what did he say the farmer was doing that was in violation of government policies concerning desertification?
5. If you were a farmer that raised animals in this part of the world, what options might you have to ensure the survival of your flock?
6. Why are tourists now heading out to the edge of the desert?

**Showcase: Shifting Sands Questions**

1. What stood out to you about these photos?
2. What do you think it would be like to be caught in a sandstorm like the ones you just saw?
3. In your opinion, what ways of life do you think this environment could support?