

Part 1

Put the Mountains on the Map

Snow Leopards inhabit these mountain ranges: Altai, Tian Shan, Pamir, Hindu Kush (and Karakorum), Himalaya, Kunlun. The ranges are marked 1 - 6. Use an atlas to identify which range is where.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Look up and see how fast you can find...:

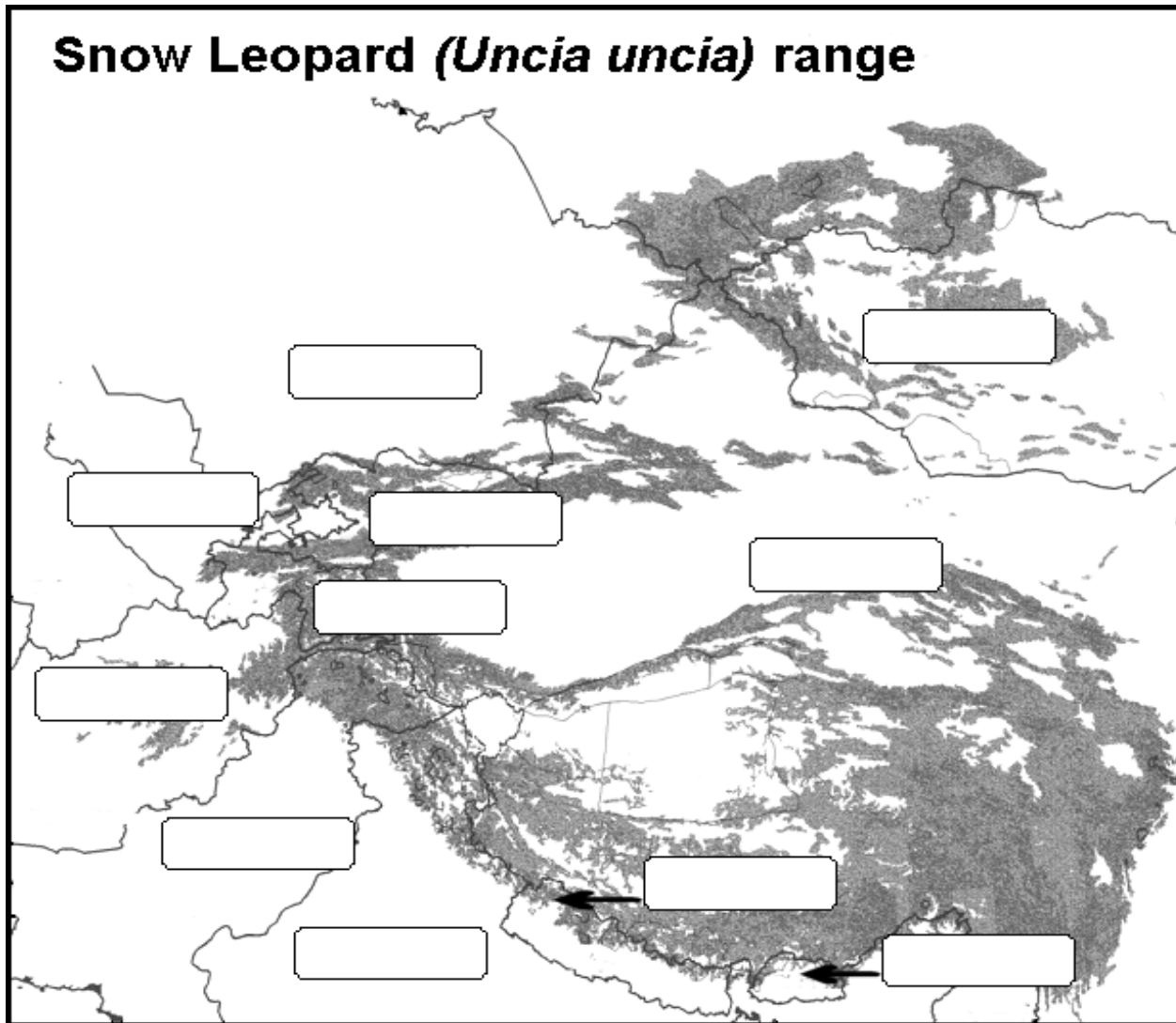
...the world's 3 highest peaks?

... 2 big deserts

... 3 landlocked countries

Part 2

Snow Leopards exist in 12 countries in Asia. This is a map of Central Asia showing potential snow leopard range: the gray shaded area indicates where there are high steep mountains where snow leopards might live. Using the other map and an atlas, identify the countries and write the names in the boxes.



Find more: Now look for the capital cities of these countries... How many can you find and mark on the map?

Think: What do you notice about the shaded areas and country borders?

Discuss: Why is it difficult to protect an animal whose range is so spread out across so many different countries? How could conservation organizations overcome these difficulties?

PUZZLER ...The number of countries where snow leopards occur increased during the 1990s, but the number of snow leopards in the world actually decreased...
... How can that be so?

Project: choose one of these countries to research further and find out more about how people are working to protect snow leopards: Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, China, India, Nepal, or Pakistan.