



World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 7

Chapter 4: The Geography and History of Southwest Asia – Section 1: The Geography of Southwest Asia

Guided Notes

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. _____ is located at the far eastern edge of Southwest Asia. Afghanistan is _____, which means it does not border any major bodies of water.
2. _____ is located to the west of Afghanistan and is one of the largest countries in Southwest Asia.
3. Located just west of Iran is the country of _____.
4. It has a small amount of coastline on the Persian Gulf, and two of the largest rivers in Southwest Asia - the _____ and _____ flow through Iraq.
5. Although much of the land is covered desert, _____ does have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea.
6. Directly north of Syria is the country of _____.
7. _____ borders Iraq, Syria, and Iran in Southwest Asia.
8. In 1948, following World War II, the United Nations divided _____ between the Arabs and Jews. _____ was created as a Jewish homeland.
9. Then you should arrive at the Kingdom of _____, the largest country on the Arabian Peninsula.
10. _____ has a large amount of oil and has an important location on the Persian Gulf.

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11. As a result of this hot and dry climate, _____ are very important to the region's people.
12. The _____ River is one of the longest rivers in the world. It begins in Turkey and flows through Syria and Iraq before joining with the _____ River to finish its journey to the Persian Gulf.
13. In fact, all countries in Southwest Asia that produce oil depend on the _____ Gulf as a shipping route.
14. Before the Persian Gulf flows into the Arabian Sea, the water must pass through a strait (narrow waterway) called the Strait of _____.
15. The largest all-sand _____ in the world is located on the Arabian Peninsula.
16. _____ is a very important resource in Southwest Asia for both farming and trading.
17. Because of the short supply of water, _____ is necessary for those who want to farm and raise livestock.
18. Countries in Southwest Asia have also used technology to modernize their _____ techniques. These new techniques allow farms to be more productive, but they have also led to water _____.