



# ***World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 7***

## *Chapter 4: The Geography and History of Southwest Asia – Section 2: The People of Southwest Asia*

### **Guided Notes**

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

1. In human geography, there are two main ways people are divided:  
\_\_\_\_\_ groups and \_\_\_\_\_ groups.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ group is a group of people who share cultural ideas and beliefs that have been a part of their community for generations.
3. These things make up a common \_\_\_\_\_ that is shared by people in the same ethnic group.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ live in a mountain region that spans Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey.
5. Kurds speak \_\_\_\_\_, and most are \_\_\_\_\_ Muslims.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ are the largest ethnic group in Southwest Asia.
7. Many Arabs are \_\_\_\_\_ Muslims. However, some Arabs are \_\_\_\_\_ Muslims, while others are Christians.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ are another ethnic group of Southwest Asia.
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ group shares a belief system in a god or gods, with a specific set of rituals and literature.
10. Three of the largest religions in the world began in Southwest Asia:  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
11. These religions also all have a sacred \_\_\_\_\_ and place of worship, and \_\_\_\_\_ is an important figure in all of them.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is the oldest of the three dominant regions in Southwest Asia.

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13. Followers of Judaism are called \_\_\_\_\_. The sacred text is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is a religious movement that grew out of Judaism during the time of Roman rule in Palestine.
15. The founding figure in Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_, a man who was born in Bethlehem in Judea to a Jewish family in about 4 BC.
16. By the year 300 AD, \_\_\_\_\_ had spread to most parts of the Roman Empire.
17. The biggest difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and Christianity is that Christians believe Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The third religion that began in Southwest Asia is \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Those who were willing to agree to this monotheistic belief became known as \_\_\_\_\_, which means “ones who submit” to the will of God.
20. After \_\_\_\_\_ death, his followers collected the teachings from the angel Gabriel into the \_\_\_\_\_, the holy book of Islam.
21. Some Muslim countries have based their laws on the law of the \_\_\_\_\_. This is called \_\_\_\_\_ Law.