

Chapter 21 Study Guide
“Physical Geography of Southwest Asia”

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Unit Atlas (pages 478-485)

1. Describe the general pattern of landforms in Southwest Asia.
2. In which countries is the Arab population of Southwest Asia located?
3. In which parts of Southwest Asia are Shi'ite Muslims found?
4. Which religious group is found only in Lebanon and the southern part of Syria?
5. What part of Southwest Asia has petroleum and natural gas reserves?
6. Based on the statistics in the Regional Data File, identify the two most developed and the two least developed countries and justify your response.

two least developed:

justification:

two most developed:

justification:

Section 1--“Landforms and Resources” (pages 487-490)

7. What is the strategic importance of each of the following waterways?

the Red Sea

the Bosphorus and Dardanelles

the Straits of Hormuz

8. What is a wadi?

9. What is the historical significance of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers?

10. What is distinctive about the Dead Sea?

11. What portion of the world's oil reserves are found in Southwest Asia?

12. _____ is a scarce resource in parts of Southwest Asia?

Section 2--"Climate and Vegetation" (pages 491-493)

13. How much precipitation do most areas of Southwest Asia receive annually?

14. What is distinctive about the Rub-al Khali?

15. Compare the climate map on page 492 to the landform map on page 479. How do climate regions correspond to landform regions?

16. What products come from the semiarid regions that fringe the deserts?

17. What crops are suited to the Mediterranean climate?

Section 3--"Human-Environment Interaction" (pages 495-499)

18. Why was the iceberg project suspended in 1981?

19. In what way are each of the following possible sources of conflict in Southwest Asia?

Turkey's dam-building project

Israel's National Water Carrier project

20. What modern technologies are being used to provide water resources to this region?

21. What is the point of the "Oil Production" bar graph on page 498?

22. What are the risks associated with transporting oil?

23. According to the cartogram on page 501, which two countries have the greatest oil reserves?

24. Which two countries in the western hemisphere have sizable oil reserves?