

1st NINE WEEKS BENCHMARK STUDY GUIDE

1. What is the difference between a political and physical map?
2. What is the Prime Meridian and how does it relate to direction?
3. What is the Equator and how does it relate to direction?
4. When lines of latitude and longitude intersect each other a _____ is created.
5. Where are the following countries located on a map:
 1. Afghanistan
 2. Iran
 3. Iraq
 4. Israel
 5. Saudi Arabia
 6. Turkey
6. The belief in **ONE** God is known as _____.
7. **JUDAISM:**
 1. Originated with a small group of people known as _____.
 2. Jews call the first five books of the Bible the _____ and believe that Moses received the _____ from God on Mt. Sinai.
 3. People who believe in Judaism are known as _____.
 4. Their promised land was known as _____ and is known as _____ today.
 5. _____ is the oldest religion.
 6. What is the Jewish belief about the Messiah?
8. **ISLAM:**
 1. The holy book of Islamic worship is known as the _____.
 2. List the Five Pillars of Islam
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Islam, Continued...

3. Muhammad believed, and his followers now believe that Jesus was a _____ and not the Messiah.
4. _____ is the founder of Islam.
5. People who believe in the teachings of Islam are known as _____.
6. _____ is the fastest growing religion.
7. What is the basic difference between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims?

9. Christianity:

1. _____ teachings formed the basis of Christianity.
2. A Christian's holy book of worship is known as the _____.
3. People who believe in Christ as the messiah are known as _____.
4. _____ is the largest religion in the world today.
5. Christians use both the _____ and _____ portions of the Bible as holy texts.
6. In Christianity, _____ is seen as the Messiah.

10. What is the difference between an ethnic and a religious group?

11. What natural resource is most lacking in Southwest Asia?

12. How has the building of dams created problems for sharing rivers in Southwest Asia?

13. How has the use of chemical fertilizers affected water supplies in many countries in Southwest Asia?

14. How has the geography of Southwest Asia affected the people who live there?

15. What is a trade barrier? How do these barriers have an effect on the geography of Southwest Asia?

16. List two examples of natural trade barriers found in Southwest Asia.

17. What is OPEC?
18. What effect does OPEC have on world oil prices and how is this accomplished by the members?
19. What percent of the world's oil reserves are found in the Middle East?
20. What is Literacy Rate?
21. Explain how the literacy rate of citizens has an effect on the standard of living and a country's cultural development.
22. The Ottoman Empire used _____ from _____ to help conquer Constantinople and other various countries and cities between 1300 - 1699.
23. When did the Ottoman Empire finally come to an end?
24. What happened to the Ottoman Empire's land after World War I?
25. The discovery and sale of _____ has drastically helped the economy and standard of living for many Southwest Asian countries.
26. Most of the people who live in Southwest Asia are of _____ ethnicity and Muslims of Islamic faith.
27. Southwest Asia is also known as the _____.
28. Why is the Suez Canal an important waterway, and what bodies of water does it connect?
29. What is the main cause behind the struggles between Israel and the Arab world?