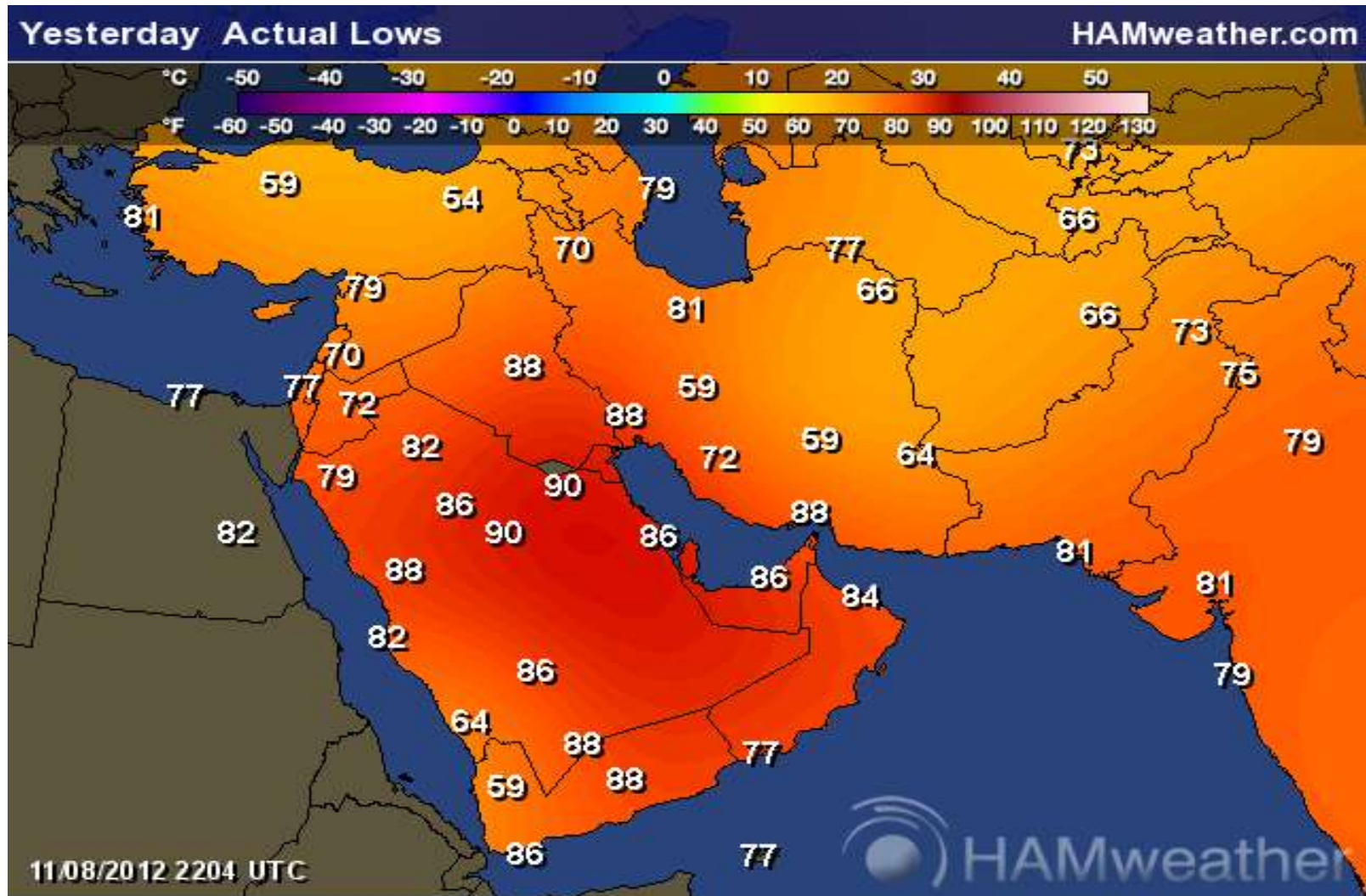


Climate of SW Asia

Also known as the “Middle East”

SS7G5; SS7G6; SS7G7

Temperature

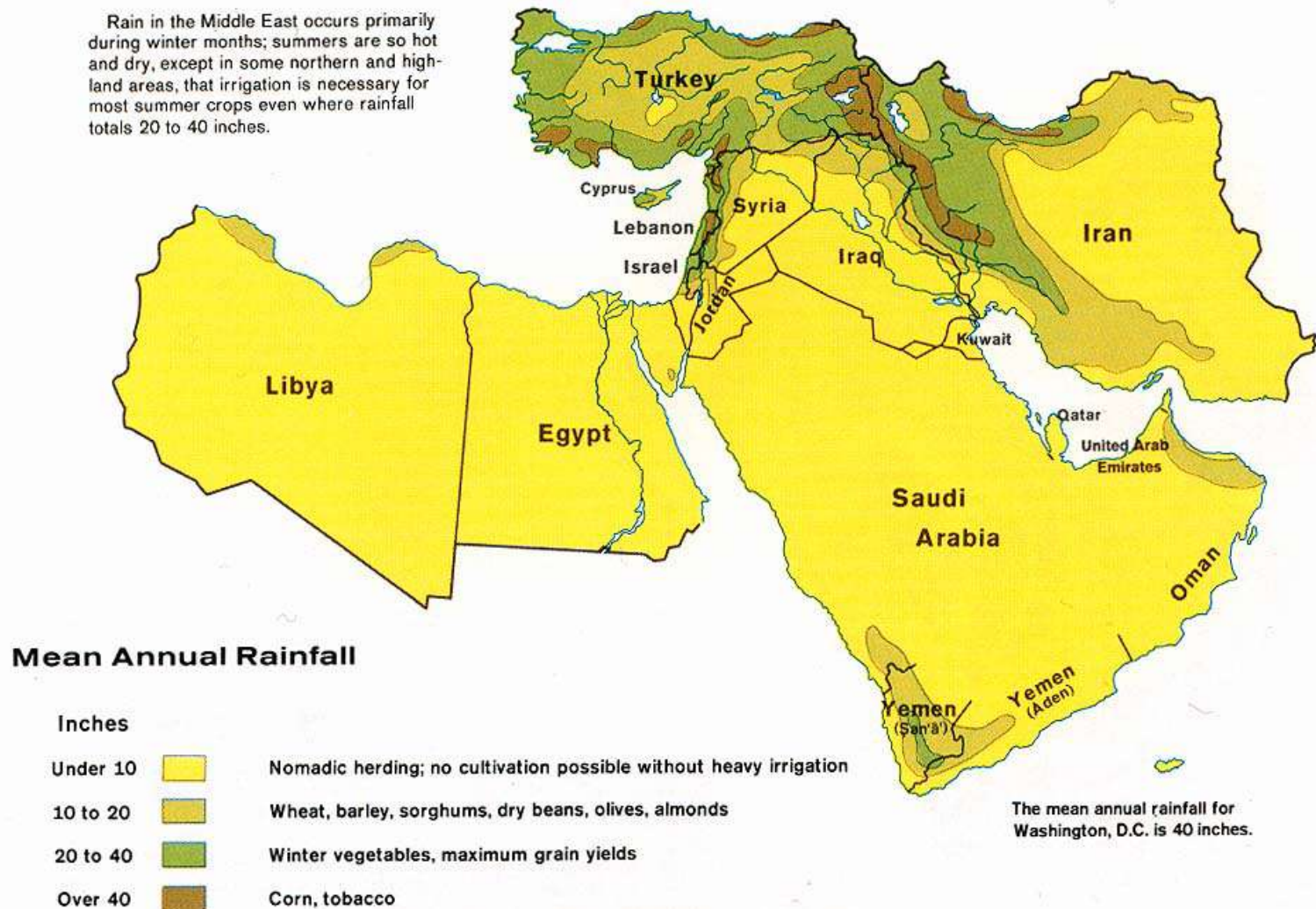


Questions

1. Based upon this map, why would people NOT want to live in the hotter areas?
2. How is travel affected by these arid (dry) areas?
3. What type of physical feature might exist in these dry areas?

Average Annual (Yearly) Rainfall

Rain in the Middle East occurs primarily during winter months; summers are so hot and dry, except in some northern and high-land areas, that irrigation is necessary for most summer crops even where rainfall totals 20 to 40 inches.



Questions

1. Does the amount of rainfall in an area determine the types of crops that can be grown?
2. Would farmers have better luck growing crops in Turkey or Saudi Arabia? Why?

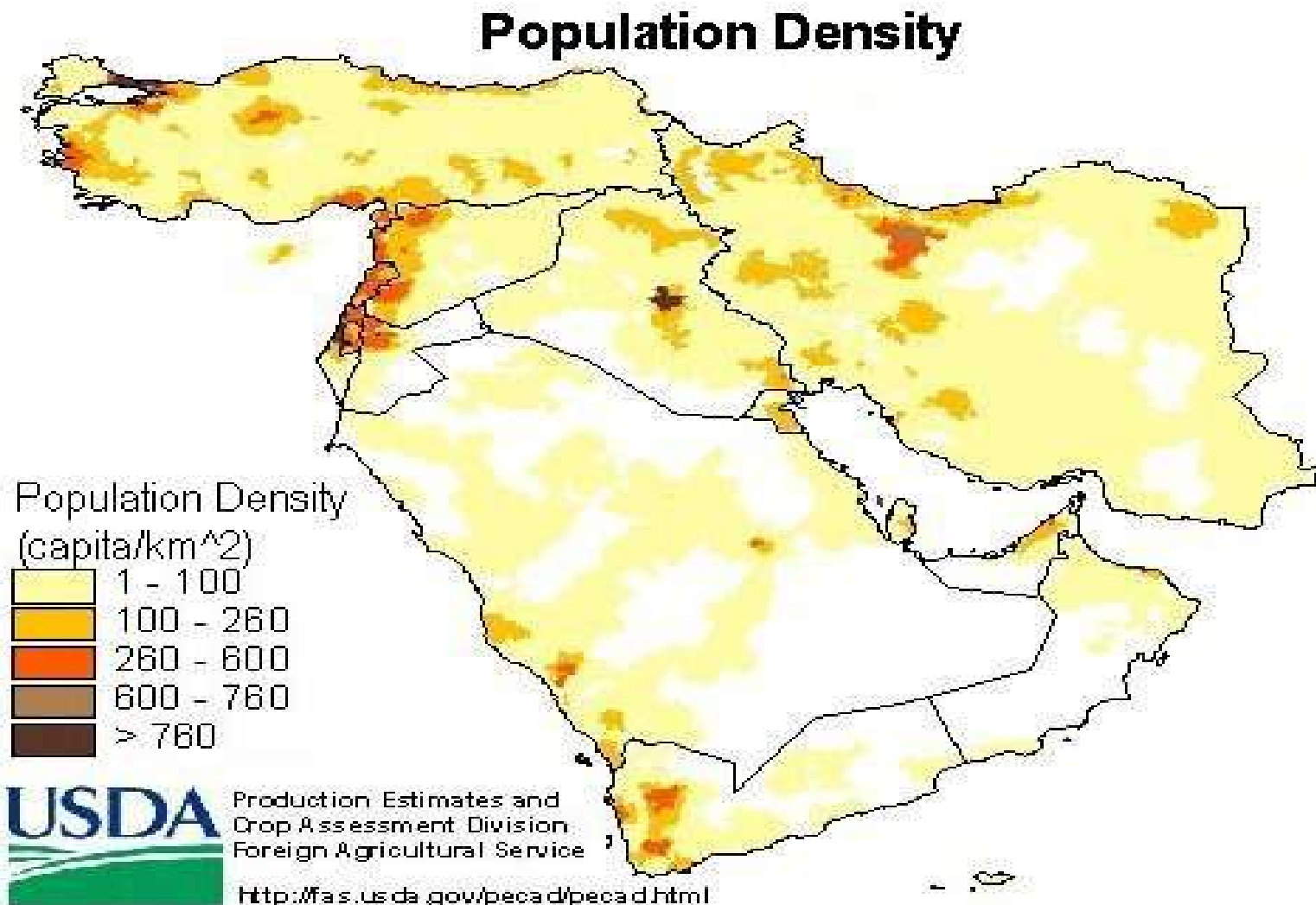
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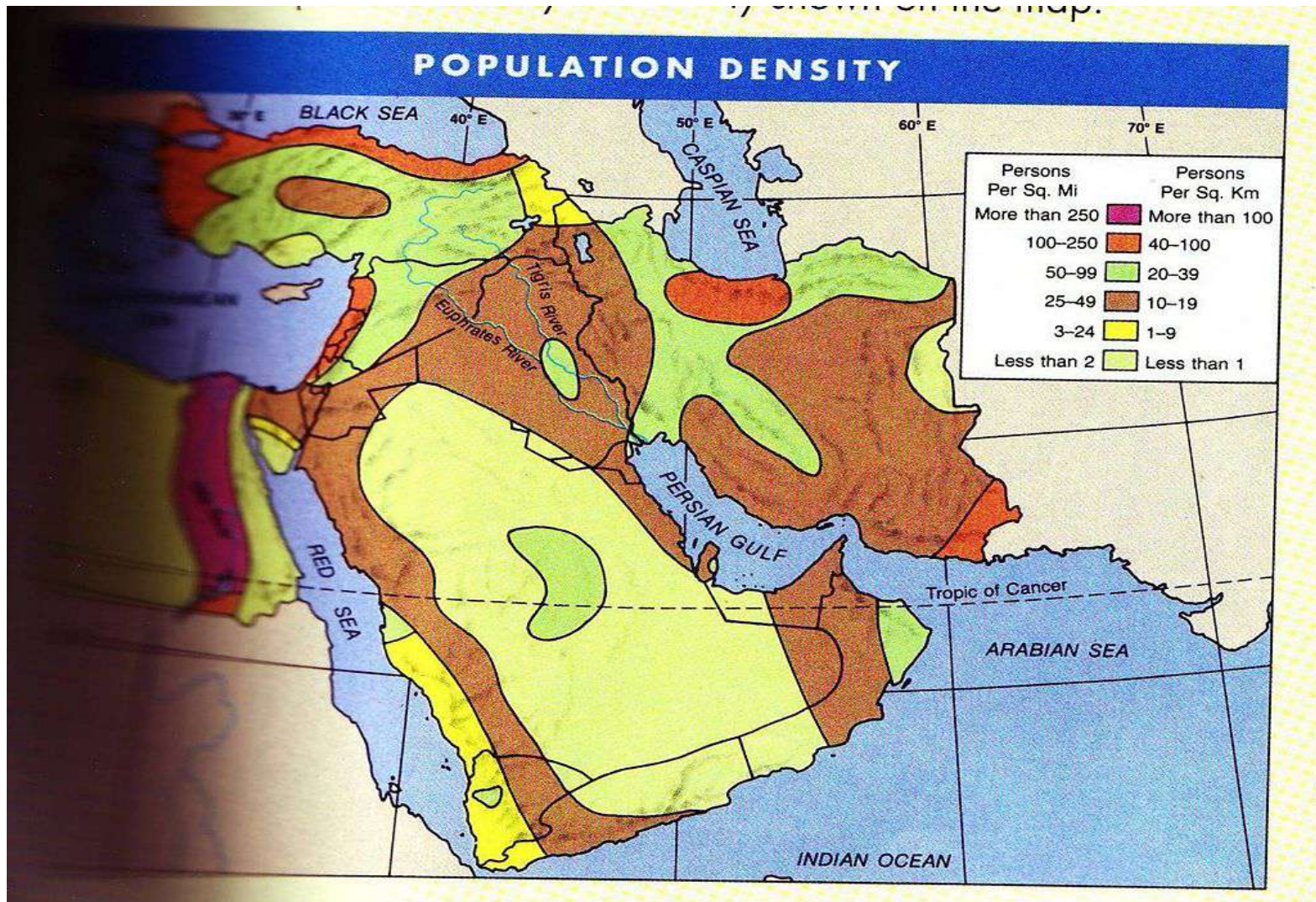
Questions

1. What types of physical features exist in Turkey?
2. What types of physical features exist in Iran and Saudi Arabia?

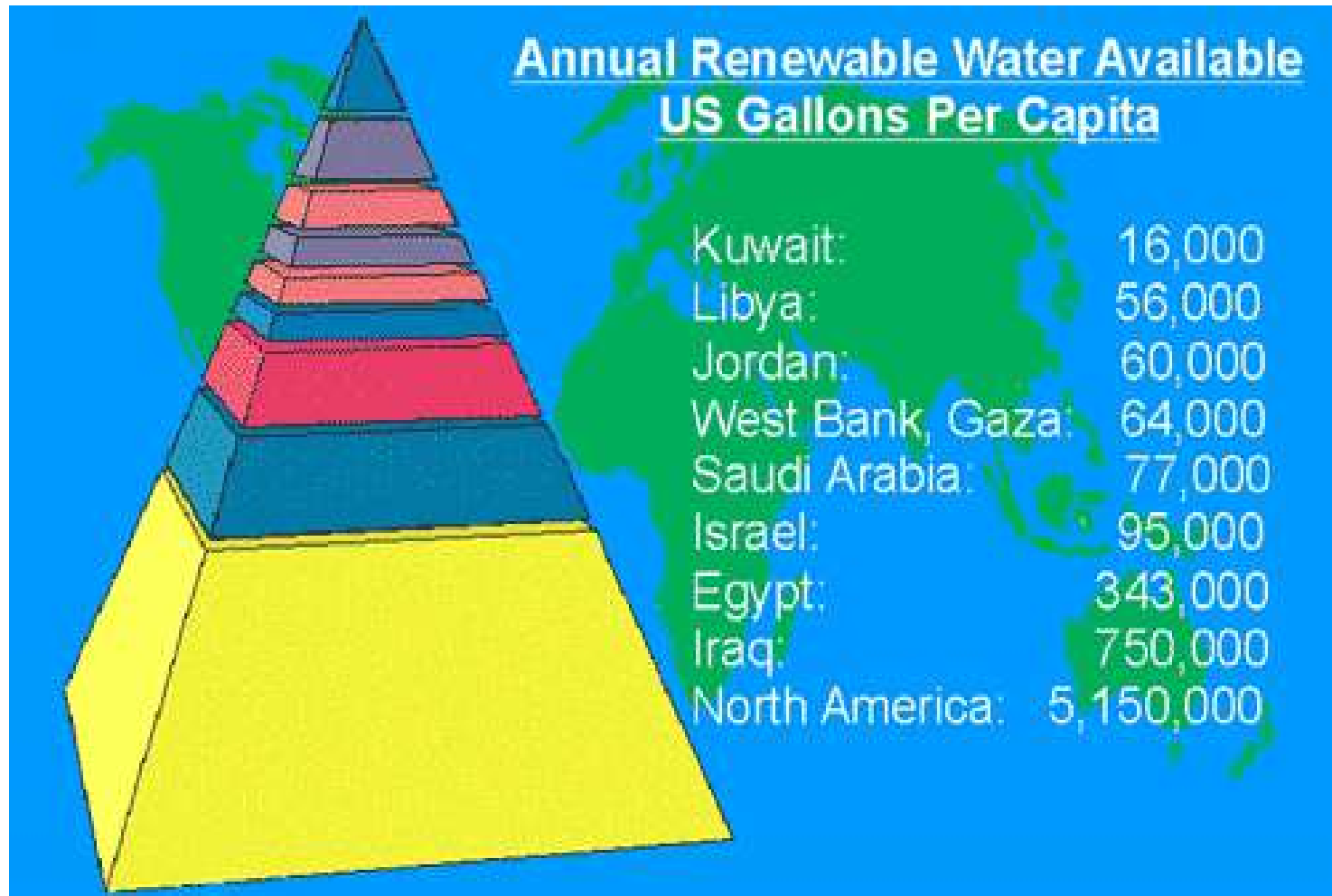
Population Density



Population Near Water



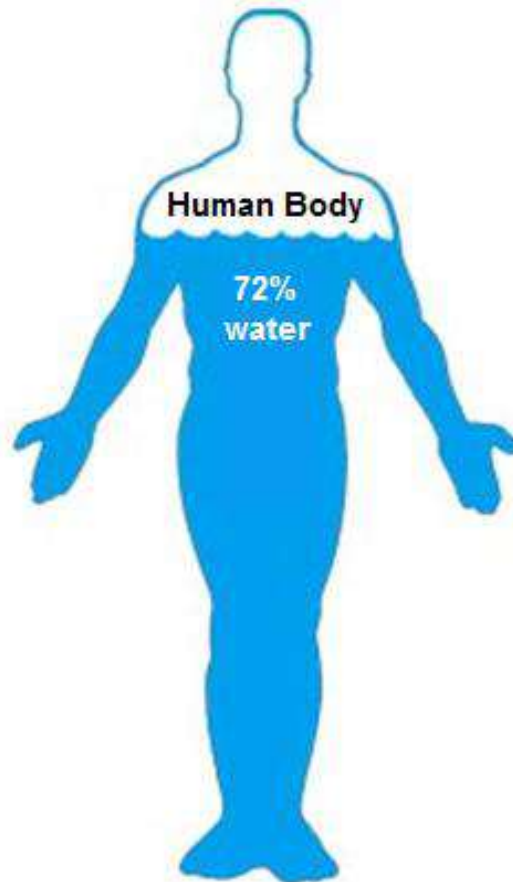
Water Availability



Questions

1. What can you tell about the population of the Middle East?
2. Why do people tend to live near water?
3. Compared to the United States, do the countries in the Middle East have access to much water for drinking and irrigation?

Why is water important?



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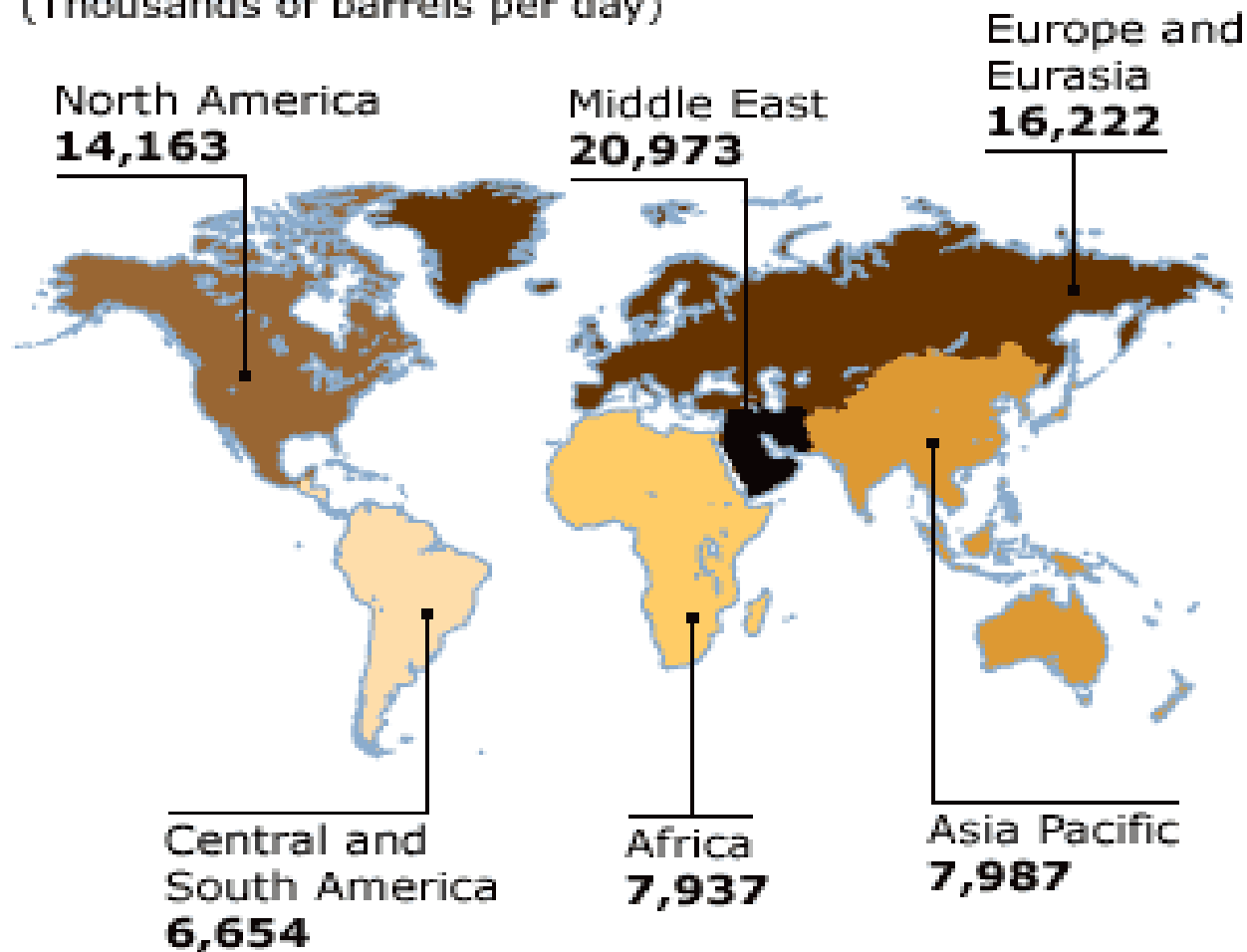
Questions

1. What effects does water pollution have on water usage for irrigation and drinking water?
2. What do you think would happen if you drank polluted water?
3. Why might this be a problem for people living in the Middle East?
4. What is the impact that scarcity (unavailability) of water has on the Middle East?
 1. Irrigation
 2. Drinking
 3. Conflict

Oil Production

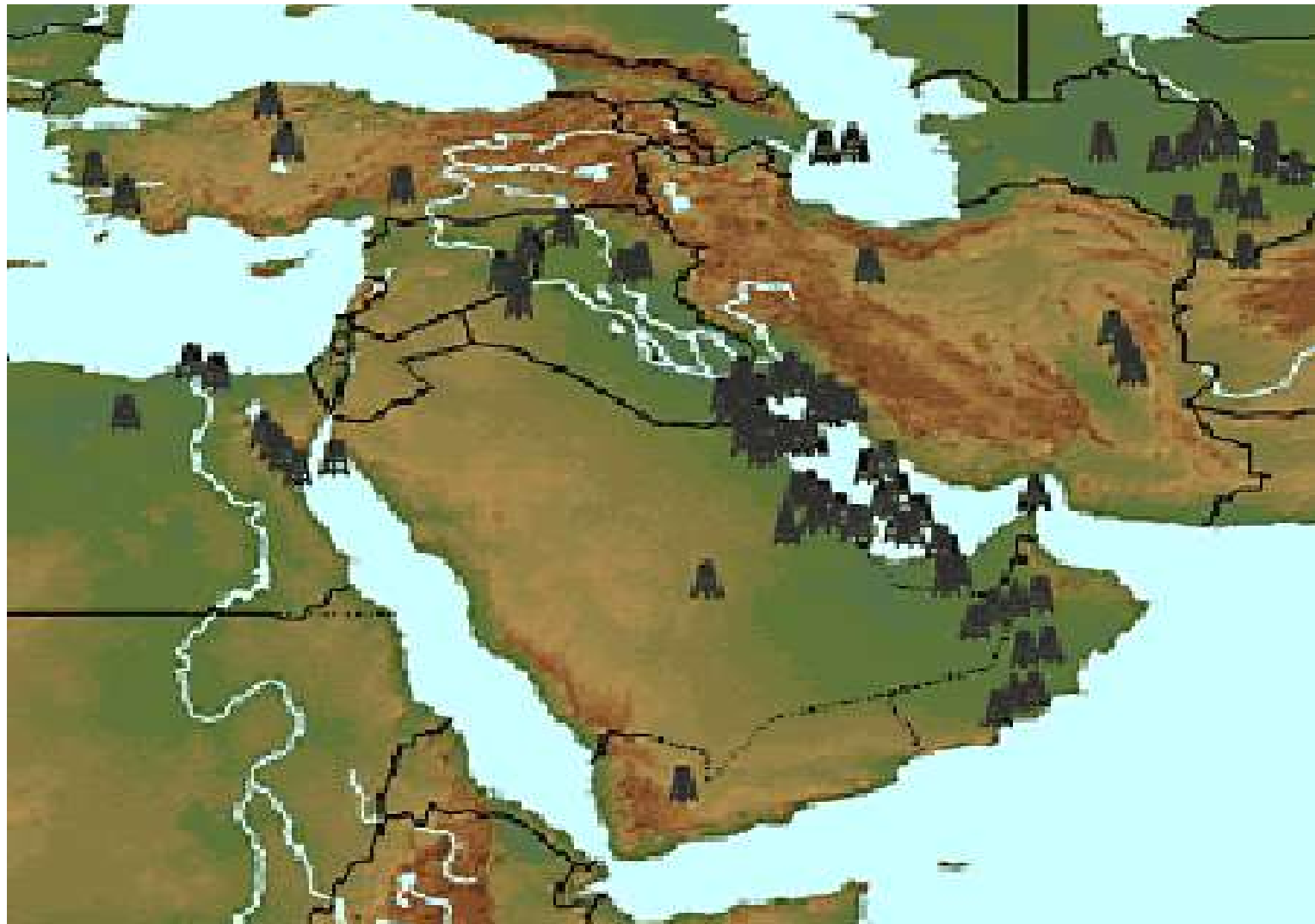
WORLD OIL PRODUCTION 2002

(Thousands of barrels per day)



SOURCE: BP

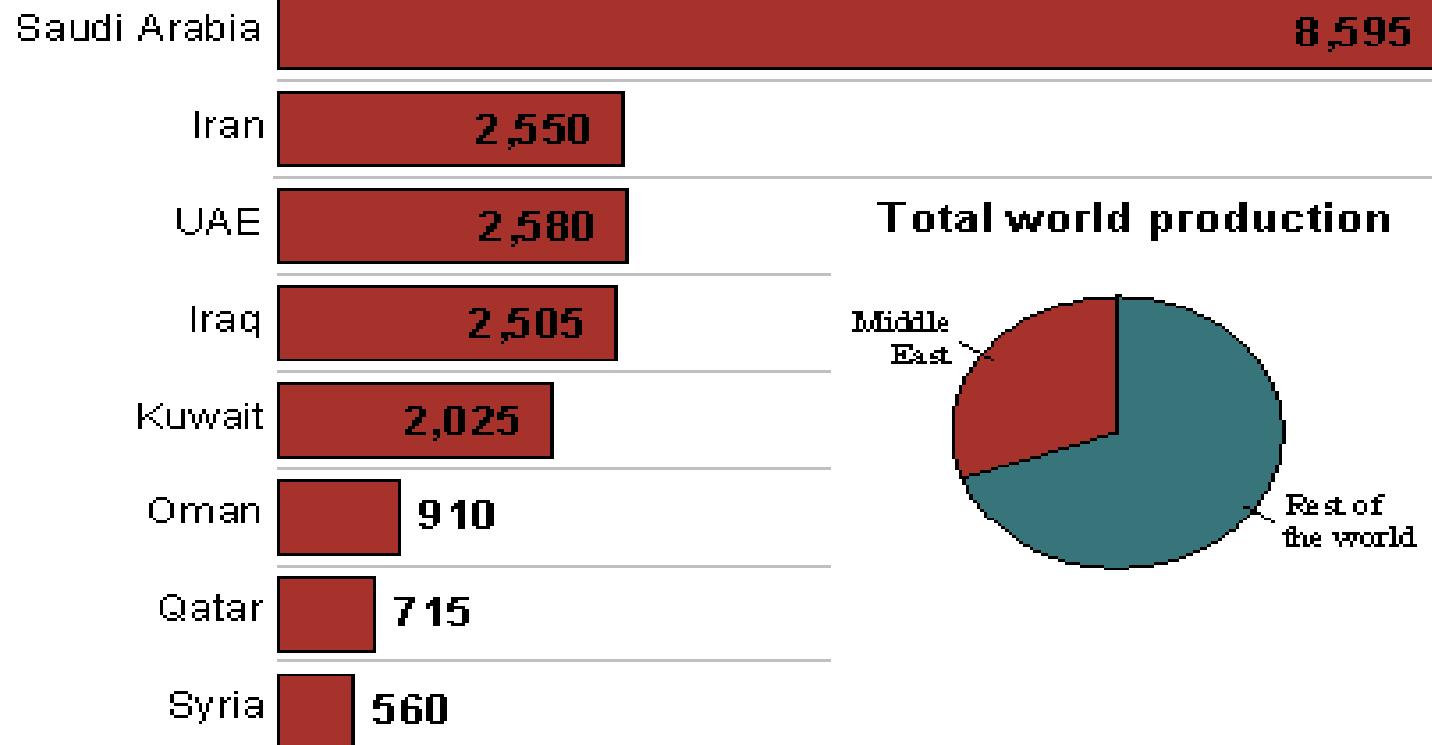
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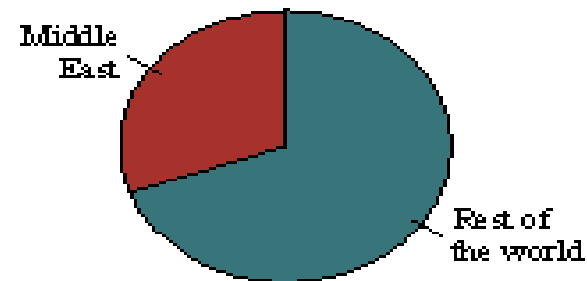
Oil Production

Middle East Oil Production

Production, 1000s of Barrels/day



Total world production



Source BP (1999 figures)

Questions

1. What impact do you think the production of crude oil has had on the Middle East?

Population?

Job Growth?

Economy?

Government?