



**Southwest Asia's  
Oil Distribution**

# Standards

**SS7G7 The student will explain the impact of location, climate, physical characteristics, distribution of natural resources, and population distribution on Southwest Asia (Middle East).**

a. Explain how the distribution of oil has affected the development of Southwest Asia (Middle East).

# Southwest Asia's Oil - CLOZE Notes

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks below with words from the presentation.

1. One of the most important resources in this region is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It was discovered in Persia (now \_\_\_\_\_) in 1908.
3. Southwest Asia has the world's largest known \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and Iran have the largest deposits of oil.
5. Oil and natural gas have brought much \_\_\_\_\_ to some countries in this region.
6. Because so many countries need oil, Southwest Asia's oil-producing countries have taken control of the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Oil-producing countries have enjoyed tremendous growth in national wealth and an improved \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The countries have used the money to build modern buildings, schools, factories, \_\_\_\_\_, etc.
9. The life expectancy in these countries has increased by over \_\_\_\_\_ years because of advancements in healthcare, hospitals, medicines, education, etc.
10. Some countries have grown very \_\_\_\_\_ due to their oil production (Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait), while countries without oil are struggling (\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Jordan, Israel, etc.).
11. Southwest Asian countries without oil have a much harder time \_\_\_\_\_ for their population.
12. This drastic difference in the distribution of oil wealth has led to many \_\_\_\_\_ among Southwest Asian nations.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ sales is not evenly distributed among the citizens of the countries in Southwest Asia.



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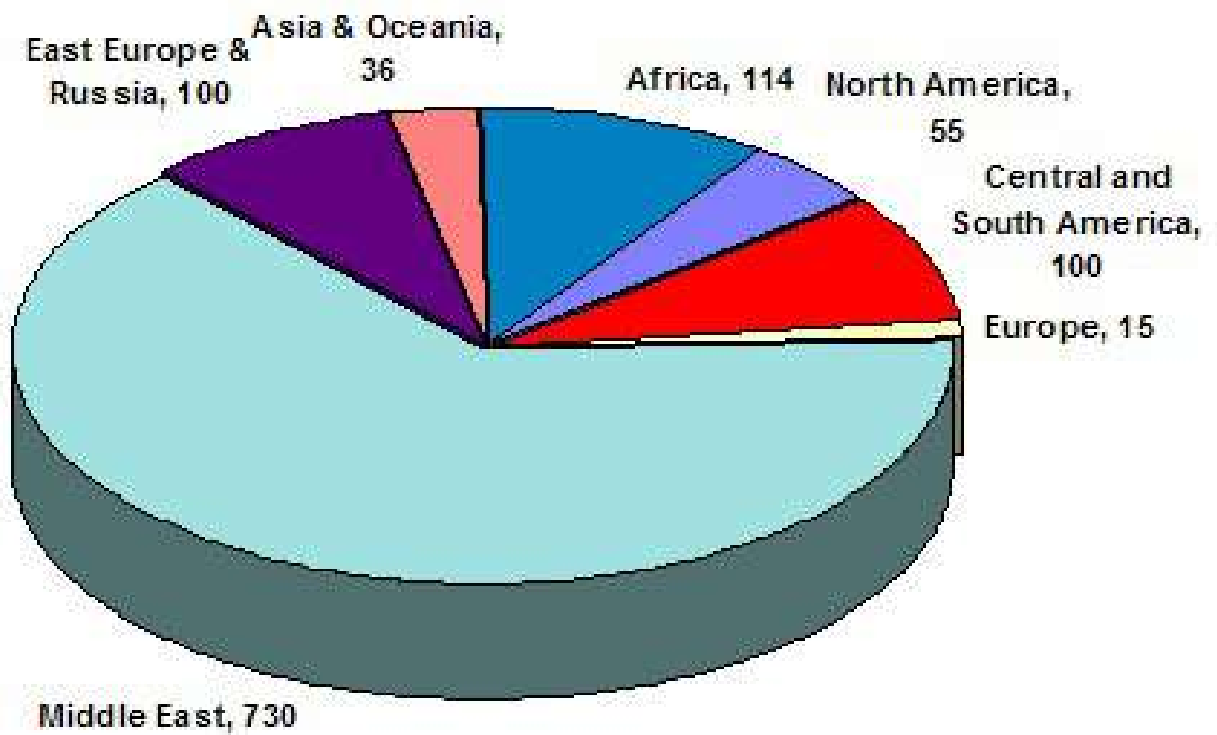
# Oil in the Middle East

- One of the most important resources in this region is oil.
- It was discovered in Persia (now Iran) in 1908.
  - In the 1930s, more oil was found on the Arabian Peninsula and around the Persian Gulf.
- The Middle East became extremely important to other countries as they began to take control of oil production.

# Oil in the Middle East

- This region has been completely transformed due to the discovery of oil.
- Southwest Asia has the world's largest known oil reserves.
  - Saudi Arabia and Iran have the largest deposits of oil.
- Oil and natural gas have brought much wealth to some countries in this region.

### World Crude Oil Reserves (Billions of Barrels)



World Total Petroleum Consumption: 83 million barrels/day  
US Petroleum Consumption: 20 million barrels/day





# Oil's Importance

- Many countries around the world depend on oil to meet their everyday needs.
- Oil (petroleum) is used for:
  - Fuel
  - Medicines
  - Plastics (Think of everything that's made with plastic!)
  - Fertilizers & Pesticides
  - Cleansers
- Countries need oil, but most don't have it, so they must buy it from oil-producing countries.

# Oil's Impact

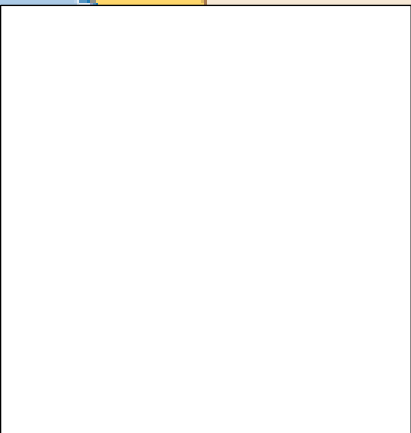
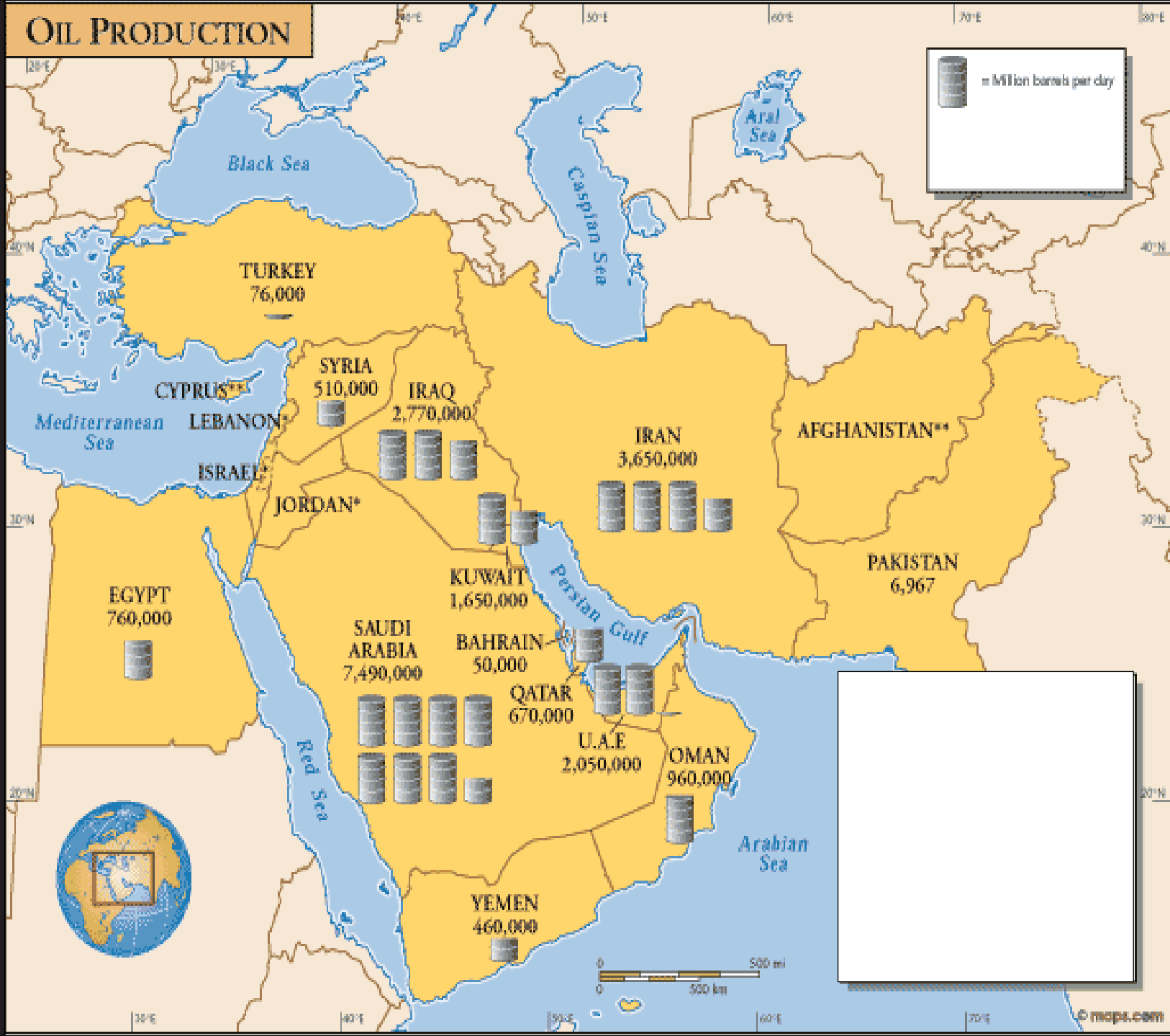
- Because so many countries need oil, Southwest Asia's oil-producing countries have taken control of the global economy.
- Many Southwest Asian countries have become dependent on oil sales.
  - Money from oil sales has been used to better the lives of the people in the oil-producing countries.

# Oil Money

- Oil-producing countries have enjoyed tremendous growth in national wealth and an improved standard of living.
  - Citizens that live in these countries may have the access to quality houses, food, health care, education, jobs, transportation, communication, and luxury items.
- The countries have used the money to build modern buildings, schools, factories, hospitals, etc.
  - Also, they have been able to pave old roads and build new ones.
- The life expectancy in these countries has increased by over 15 years because of advancements in healthcare, hospitals, medicines, education, etc.

# OIL PRODUCTION

 = Million barrels per day



# Riyadh – Capital of Saudi Arabia



# Kuwait City – Capital of Kuwait



# Unequal Oil Distribution

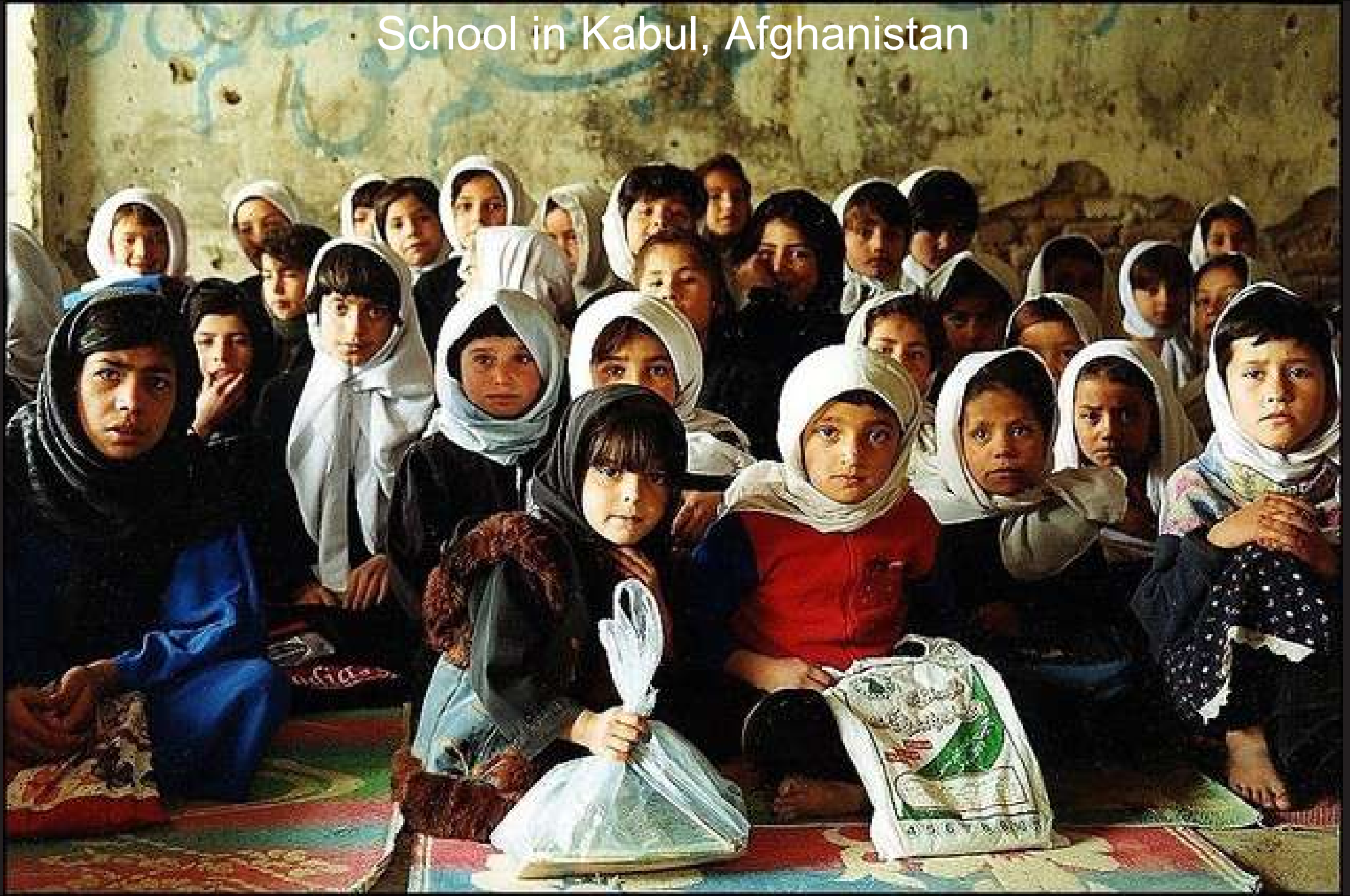
- Some countries have grown very rich due to their oil production (Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait), while countries without oil are struggling (Afghanistan, Jordan, Israel, etc.).
- Southwest Asian countries without oil have a much harder time improving living conditions for their population.
- This drastic difference in the distribution of oil wealth has led to many conflicts among Southwest Asian nations.

# Kabul – Capital of Afghanistan





# School in Kabul, Afghanistan



# Summary

- Much of the world's oil is under Southwest Asia.
- Oil reserves are not distributed evenly among the region's countries.
  - Saudi Arabia & other countries along the Persian Gulf coast have a lot of oil. They are all wealthy countries.
- The wealth from oil sales is not evenly distributed among the citizens of the countries in Southwest Asia.

# Distribution of Oil



Region	Production*	Consumption*	Known Reserves*
Europe	3	5	23
United States & Canada	3	7	75
Southwest Asia	6	1	372
Latin America	4	2	41
Asia	2	3	15
Africa	2	1	53
Australia & the Pacific Islands	0.5	0.5	14

\*Billions of barrels of oil

**Your Task:** Use the chart above to create a 3-D model of the oil production, consumption, & reserves in the world. You will be using a world map, clay, and pipe cleaners to create your model.

1. Use a red marker to circle the 7 regions listed in the chart on your map.
2. Divide the clay into seven pieces and place each piece on the regions listed above.
3. Using a scale of 1 centimeter = one billion barrels of oil, place pipe cleaner lengths (representing consumption, production and reserves) in each region using the clay as a base. (Do not use pipe cleaners to measure reserves in Southwest Asia—I will give you yarn for this one.)
  - a. Ex) Europe's pipe cleaners will be 3 cm, 5 cm, and 23 cm.
4. Draw a key for your map below. (For example, red pipe cleaner = Production)

## Map Key

5. Answer the comprehension questions below:
  - Which countries are producing more oil than they are consuming?
  - What can they do with their extra oil?
  - Which countries are consuming more oil than they are producing?
  - What must these countries do in order to get more oil?
  - What do you think the economy of Southwest Asia should be based on their oil production and reserves?

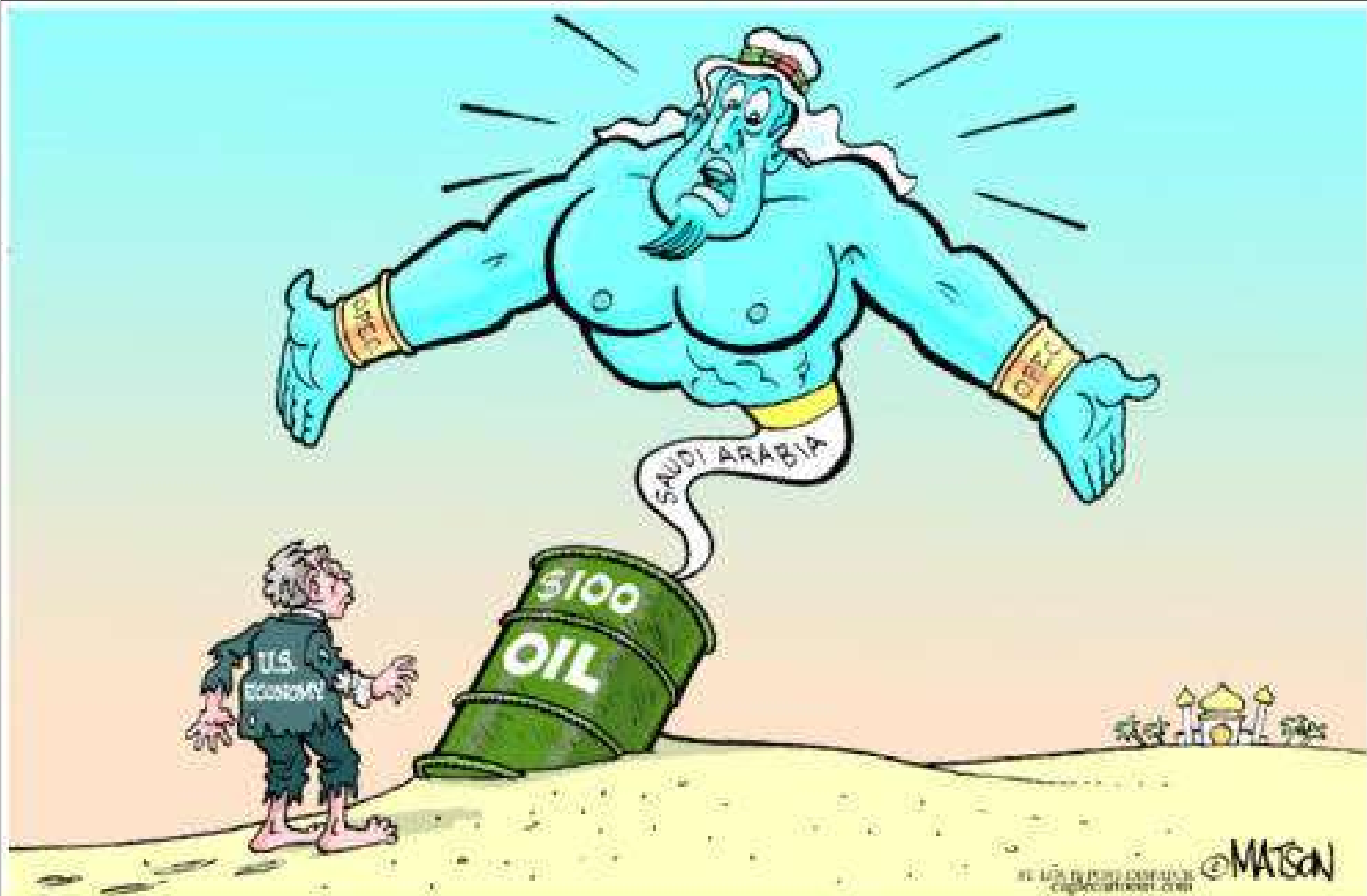


# Political Cartoon Analysis

Visuals	Words
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify the cartoon caption or title:</li><li>2. Record any important words or dates that appear in the cartoon.</li></ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Which of the objects in your list (above) are symbols?</li><li>3. What do you think each symbol means?</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Which words in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think this is so?</li><li>4. List some adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon.</li></ol>

## Questions to Consider:

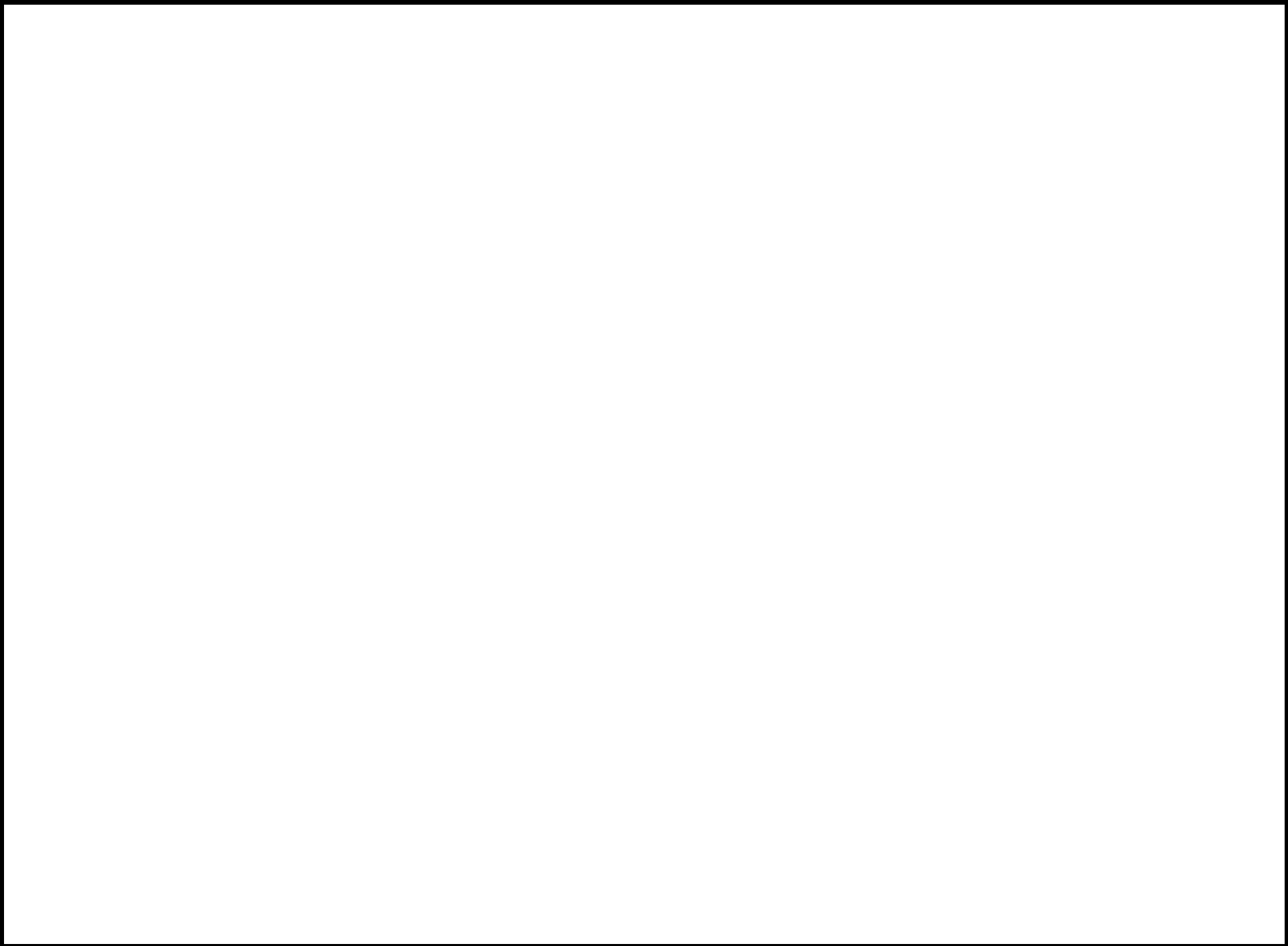
- A. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon:
- B. Explain the message of the cartoon:
- C. What group would agree with the cartoon's message? Why?
- D. What group would disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?



"ME?!? LOWER THE PRICE OF OIL? YOU KNOW I AM POWERLESS OVER MARKET FORCES!"

# Southwest Asia Political Cartoon

**Your Task:** Create a political cartoon about how the distribution of oil affects Southwest Asia. Please color your illustration.



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