

Southwest Asia Geographic Understandings Unit 1 Test Study Guide

1. What river runs through Syria, Israel and Jordan? **Jordan River**
2. Where must all major cities be located in Southwest Asia? **Along Rivers and major waterways**
3. What is the main physical feature of Saudi Arabia? **Desert**
4. What is one of the main problems facing Southwest Asia? **Lack of Water**
5. What are the Five Pillars of Islam? **One god and Muhammad is his prophet, pray five times a day facing Mecca, Give charity, can't eat or drink during the daylight hours of Ramadan, Make the Hajj or pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their life**
6. What is an ethnic group? **Group that share a common language, culture, religion**
7. What is a religious group? **group with a belief system in a god or gods, specific set of rituals and literature**
8. What is the messiah? **Savior of mankind; Jesus**
9. What world event ended the Ottoman Empire? **World War I**
10. What is the holy book of Judaism? **Torah**
11. What is Landlocked? **Surrounded by land on all sides with no access to the coast.**
12. What is the most valuable resource in Southwest Asia? **Oil and Natural Gas**
13. Who was the founder of Islam? **Muhammad**
14. Which two rivers run through the country of Iraq? **Tigris and Euphrates**
15. Which man made water way connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea? **Suez canal**
16. What is Desalination? **Process of removing salt from sea water.**
17. What is the main ethnic group of Iran? **Persians**
18. What is the largest ethnic Group in Southwest Asia? **Arabs**
19. Who are the Kurds? **Ethnic group in parts of Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey that have not been accepted by its neighbors.**
20. What makes the Kurds an Ethnic group? **Kurds speak the same language**
21. What is monotheism? **Belief in one god**
22. What is a belief in more than one god? **Polytheism**
23. What organization controls the price of oil? **OPEC**
24. Which continents make up Southwest Asia? **Europe, Africa, Asia**
25. The Strait of Hormuz connects what two bodies of water? **Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea**

Physical Map



26. Number 1: **Jordan River**

27. Number 2: **Euphrates River**

28. Number 3: **Tigris River**

29. Number 4: **Persian Gulf**

30. Number 5: **Strait of Hormuz**

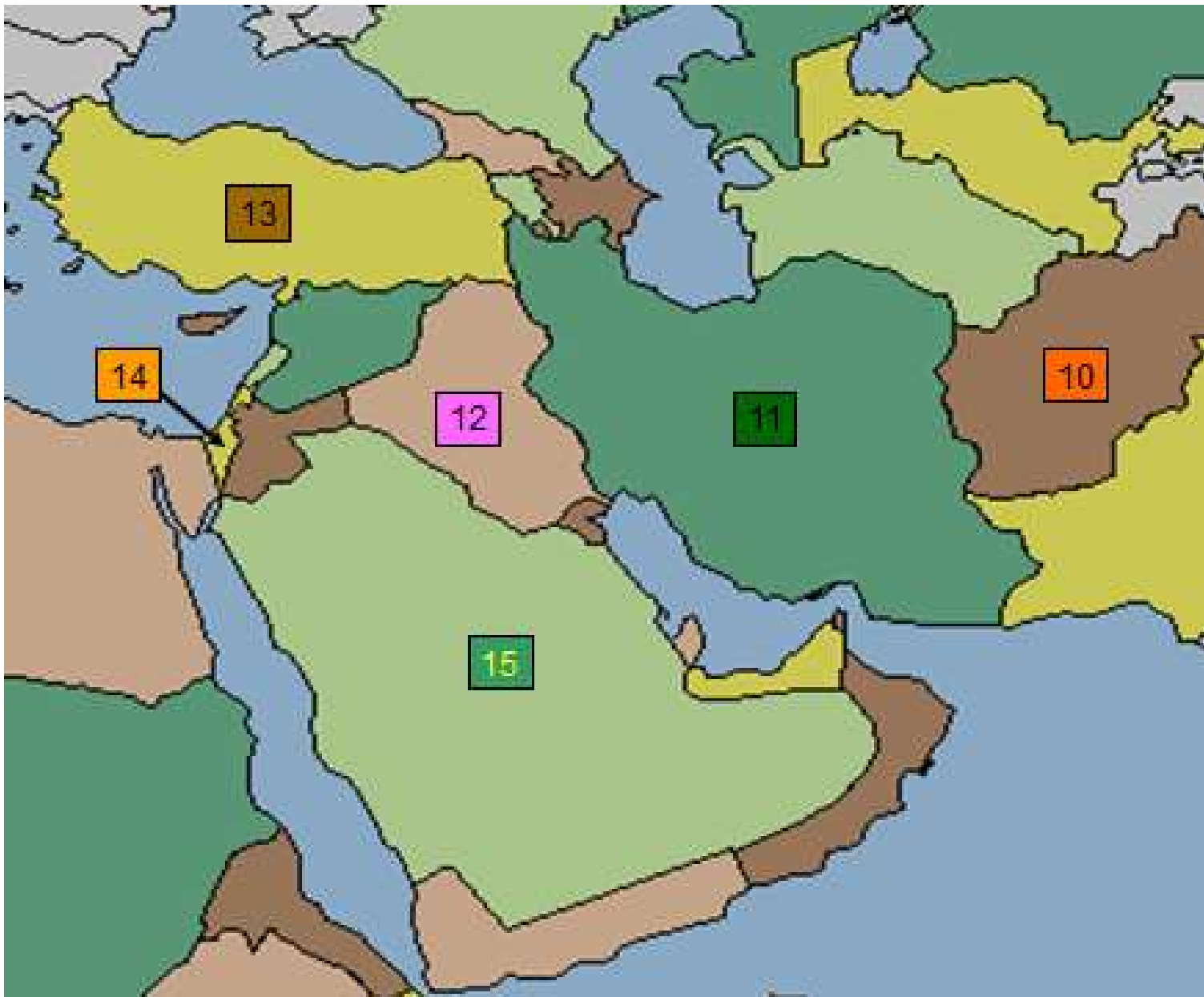
31. Number 6: **Arabian Sea**

32. Number 7: **Red Sea**

33. Number 8: **Suez Canal**

34. Number 9: **Gaza Strip**

Political Map



- 35. Number 10: **Afghanistan**
- 36. Number 11: **Iran**
- 37. Number 12: **Iraq**
- 38. Number 13: **Turkey**
- 39. Number 14: **Israel**
- 40. Number 15: **Saudi Arabia**