

Building Vocabulary

wadi	Tigris River	Golan Heights
Dead Sea	Euphrates River	Jordan River
Rub al-Khali	salt flat	oasis
drip irrigation	desalinization	crude oil
refinery	fossil water	

A. Sentence Completion

- Select the term that best completes the sentence.
- Thousands died in the 1967 war when Syria and Israel fought for control of the _____, also called Al Jawlan, a hilly plateau overlooking the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee.
 - Tumbling down from the mountains of Lebanon near Mount Hermon, the _____ provides one of the most precious resources in the entire region—water.
 - An _____ is an area in the desert where vegetation is found because water is available, usually from underground springs.
 - _____ is the practice of using small pipes that slowly drip water just above ground to conserve water use for crops.
 - In Southwest Asia _____ has little chance of being replaced because the region has so little rainfall to recharge the aquifers.

B. Matching

Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

_____ 1. wadi	a. petroleum that has not been processed
_____ 2. Tigris River	b. a vast desert on the Arabian Peninsula
_____ 3. Dead Sea	c. a landlocked salt lake
_____ 4. Rub al-Khali	d. the Dasht-e Kavir and Dasht-e Lut deserts in Iran
_____ 5. salt flats	e. one of two rivers that supported several ancient river civilizations
_____ 6. desalinization	f. it converts crude oil into useful products
_____ 7. crude oil	g. a riverbed that remains dry except during the rainy season
_____ 8. refinery	h. the removal of salt from ocean water

C. Writing About Geography

Imagine you are an agriculture specialist who has to irrigate arid land near a dry river bed in Southwest Asia. Using each of the following terms correctly, write a report that lists possible ways to supply water for the land. Then recommend one of these methods and give reasons for your recommendation. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

wadi	drip irrigation	desalinization
fossil water		

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Mecca	OPEC	Islam
Muhammad	theocratic	mosque
Western Wall	Zionism	Dome of the Rock
Taliban	Mesopotamia	Kurds
Sunni	Shi'ite	Palestine Liberation Organization

A. Sentence Completion

Select the term that best completes the sentence.

- _____ is the holiest city of Islam.
- A _____ is a Muslim place of worship.
- Jews believe that the _____ is where Abraham, a Jewish forefather, prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac to God.
- _____ is the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.
- The _____ claim a homeland in parts of Turkey, Iran, and Iraq.

B. Matching

Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

_____ 1. Islam	a. an organization that helps members control worldwide oil prices
_____ 2. Muhammad	b. a very strict Muslim group
_____ 3. theocratic	c. a portion of the Second Temple
_____ 4. OPEC	d. an organization that has used political and military means to take possession of Arab land in Israel
_____ 5. Western Wall	e. one of the two main branches of Islam
_____ 6. Zionism	f. a movement that helped to create and support a Jewish homeland in Palestine
_____ 7. PLO	g. one of the three monotheistic religions
_____ 8. Sunni	h. a system in which religious leaders control the government
_____ 9. Taliban	i. the founder of Islam

C. Writing About Geography

Using each of the following terms correctly, write a brief history of Islam. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

Mecca	Muhammad	Sunni
Shi'ite	theocratic	Islam
Dome of the Rock		

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stateless nation
 guest workers
 human resources

Gaza Strip
 Palestinians

West Bank
 strategic commodity

A. Sentence Completion Select the term that best completes the sentence.

1. _____ are Arabs who lived or still live in the area formerly called Palestine and now called Israel.
2. The _____ is a strip of land on the west side of the Jordan River.
3. The _____ is a territory along the Mediterranean Sea just northeast of the Sinai Peninsula.
4. A _____ is a resource so important that nations will go to war to ensure its steady supply.
5. _____ are the skills and talents of the people.

B. Matching Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

- _____ 1. guest workers
- _____ 2. stateless nation
- _____ 3. Palestinians
- _____ 4. strategic commodity
- _____ 5. human resources

- a. laborers who fill jobs in Southwest Asia that native peoples find culturally or economically unacceptable
- b. resources that are developed by education
- c. a vital resource, such as oil
- d. a group of Arabs who live in relocation camps in Israel, in other parts of the region, and throughout the world
- e. a nation of people without a land to legally occupy

C. Writing About Geography Using each of the following terms correctly, write a brief history of the Palestinian refugees. Use the back of this page and underline each term that you use.

Palestinians

West Bank

Gaza Strip

stateless nation