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*Use your study sheet to find the correct answers.*

### MANY THINGS IN COMMON

The Middle E\_\_\_\_\_ and N\_\_\_\_\_ Africa are often grouped together because the two regions, while on two \*c\_\_\_\_\_, have many things in c\_\_\_\_\_. Most of the people of the region are \*M\_\_\_\_\_ who speak A\_\_\_\_\_, and most of the land in the region is very \*d\_\_\_\_\_.

There are some exceptions to this generalization, and those exceptions have led to many conflicts in the region. The people of Iran practice \*I\_\_\_\_\_, but they are not Arabs. The Iranians are the descendants of the Persians, a c\_\_\_\_\_ that has existed in the region for thousands of years. Iranians often learn to speak \*A\_\_\_\_\_ because it is the l\_\_\_\_\_ of the Q\_\_\_\_\_, but in everyday life, most Iranians speak F\_\_\_\_\_. The Turks originally came from the land northwest of I\_\_\_\_\_. The Turks controlled almost all of the Middle East until World War I. Today people in the modern nation of Turkey generally speak T\_\_\_\_\_. The K\_\_\_\_\_ live in the m\_\_\_\_\_ between I\_\_\_\_\_, Iraq, S\_\_\_\_\_, and T\_\_\_\_\_. The Kurds have tried to keep their traditional \*c\_\_lt\_\_r\_\_, but particularly in T\_\_\_\_\_ and I\_\_\_\_\_, governments have attempted to a\_\_\_\_\_ the K\_\_\_\_\_ into the \*l\_\_\_\_\_l populations. The B\_\_\_\_\_ lived in N\_\_\_\_\_ Africa before the A\_\_\_\_\_ invasion. Unlike the K\_\_\_\_\_, they slowly began to a\_\_\_\_\_ and lose their traditional c\_\_\_\_\_. Almost all of the Berbers practice \*I\_\_\_\_\_. The Berber language is still spoken in isolated regions of M\_\_\_\_r\_\_\_\_c\_\_ and other North A\_\_\_\_\_ nations.

Not all Muslims are Arabs, and not all Arabs are Muslims. Lebanon had been home to Arab C\_\_\_\_\_ for many years. Today more than one-t\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lebanese people are Christians, but M\_\_\_\_\_ now outnumber the Christians because Muslims have had a higher \*b\_\_\_\_\_ rate for several \*g\_n\_r\_t\_\_\_\_\_ns.

Many J\_\_\_\_\_ people returned to their traditional homeland on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea when the United Nations created the modern nation of I\_\_\_\_\_ in 1948. H\_\_\_\_\_ is I\_\_\_\_\_’s national language, but \*A\_\_\_\_\_, English, and other languages are also common in Israel. Most of the Middle East and North Africa was once controlled by outside powers, so other languages are still spoken. English, F\_\_\_\_\_, and I\_\_\_\_\_ are often heard \*h\_\_\_\_\_ in the region.





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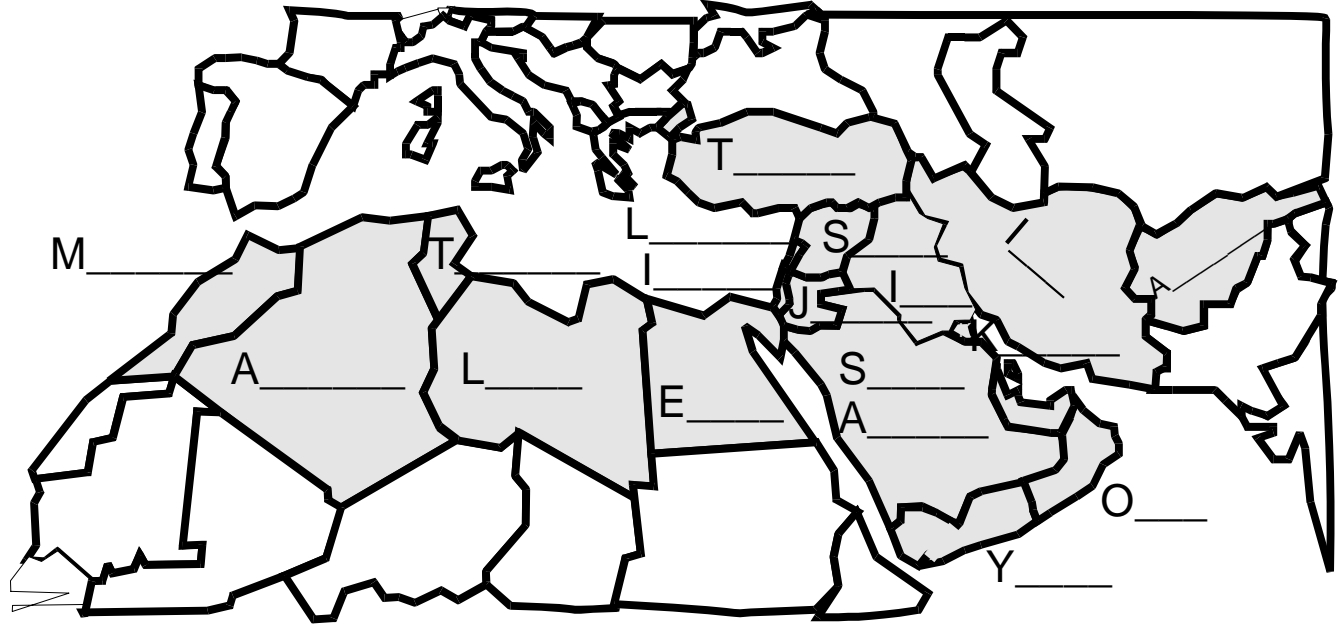
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### Label the Map

Use page six of your study sheet to find the correct answers.



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#### THE ARABS

An Arab is someone who s\_\_\_\_\_ Arabic. The Arabs traditionally lived on the Arabian p\_\_\_\_\_, but their l\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_ spread with the expansion of I\_\_\_\_\_. Arabs comprise a substantial m\_\_\_\_\_ of the populations of S\_\_\_\_\_ Arabia, Sy\_\_\_\_\_, Yemen, O\_\_\_\_\_, Bahrain, Q\_\_\_\_\_, the U\_\_\_\_\_ Arab E\_\_\_\_\_, Kuwait, J\_\_\_\_\_, Lebanon, I\_\_\_\_\_, Sudan, E\_\_\_\_\_, Libya, T\_\_\_\_\_, Algeria, and M\_\_\_\_\_.

Language experts say A\_\_\_\_\_ is the fifth most \*s\_\_\_\_\_ language in the world. More than 250 m\_\_\_\_\_ people are Arabs because A\_\_\_\_\_ is their \*p\_\_\_\_\_ language. Chinese is the world's most spoken language, with one billion speakers. \*E\_\_\_\_\_, with 500 million speakers is second, followed by Hindi, a language spoken in \*I\_d\_a, with 490 m\_\_\_\_\_ speakers. Spanish is the world's fourth most prevalent language with more than 350 million s\_\_\_\_\_. \*S\_\_\_\_\_ is spoken in Spain, most of \*C\_\_\_\_\_ America and \*S\_\_\_\_\_ America. Other widely spoken languages include Portuguese, spoken in \*P\_\_\_\_\_, Brazil and five African nations; Russian, Japanese; Bengali, the official l\_\_\_\_\_ of Bangladesh; German and French.

By the \*e\_\_\_\_\_ century, the lands of I\_\_\_\_\_ stretched from S\_\_\_\_\_ in the w\_\_\_\_\_ to I\_\_\_\_\_ in the e\_\_\_\_\_. The Arabs were great t\_\_\_\_\_ who spread I\_\_\_\_\_ throughout many parts of the world. The most populous Muslim nation is I\_\_\_\_\_, a group of islands in s\_\_\_\_\_ Asia far from the A\_\_\_\_\_ peninsula. The Arabs made great advances in m\_\_\_\_\_, medicine and physical science. They replaced the clumsy R\_\_\_\_\_ numbers with the A\_\_\_\_\_ numerals we use today.

\*A higher order learning question. I will accept any reasonable answer.

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Answer in complete sentences

Use your study sheet to find the correct answers. You will not need complete sentences for the first two problems.

THE ARABS

6. Who are the Arabs?

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\*7. List twelve nations where Arabic is the primary language in alphabetical order.

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8. Describe why AD500 to AD 800 is often called the “Dark Ages” of Western Europe.

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\*9. Copy using Roman Numerals: “I was born in (year) it is now (year). This means I am (age) years old. Remember that with Roman numerals, I=1, V=5, X=10, L=50, C=100, D=500, M=1000

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WHERE IS THE MIDDLE EAST?

\*10. Why do we refer to the lands around the southern and eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea as the Middle East or the Near East?

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11. Why are Australia and New Zealand considered western nations?

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#### DESERTS

The M\_\_\_\_\_ East and North A\_\_\_\_\_ comprise the d\_\_\_\_\_ region of the e\_\_\_\_\_.  
Nearly \_\_\_\_\_% of the r\_\_\_\_\_ is d\_\_\_\_\_, where less than t\_\_\_\_\_ inches of \*p\_\_\_\_c\_\_p\_\_t\_\_t\_\_\_\_n fall  
\*\_nn\_\_ll\_. The S\_\_\_\_\_ Desert of northern A\_\_\_\_\_ is larger than the continental U\_\_\_\_\_  
S\_\_\_\_\_. The Rub 'al-Khali is an \*A\_\_\_\_\_ word that means E\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter. It is the largest area  
of continuous s\_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

Life in the desert can be \*d\_\_\_\_\_. The temperature can typically rise or fall \_\_\_\_\_° in a single  
day. Despite the severe conditions; some life forms have a\_\_\_\_\_ to the desert e\_\_\_\_\_.  
Plants with long, shallow r\_\_\_\_\_, or deep t\_\_\_\_\_ find enough \*m\_\_\_\_\_ to survive.  
Camels can survive long periods without f\_\_\_\_\_ or w\_\_\_\_\_.

The deserts of the Middle East and North A\_\_\_\_\_ are all h\_\_\_\_\_, and s\_\_\_\_\_, but a desert can  
look very different. Most of A\_\_\_\_\_ is a d\_\_\_\_\_ because it receives very little  
p\_\_\_\_\_. The land is very rocky, and the c\_\_\_\_\_ of A\_\_\_\_\_ is the  
c\_\_\_\_\_ on our \*p\_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer in complete sentences

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#### DESERTS

\*12. Explain in detail why desert temperatures are so extreme.

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13. Describe how some plants are able to survive in the desert.

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\*14. What is the dictionary definition of desert? How does the study sheet define desert?

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\*15. Explain why South Florida is or is not a desert.

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### BEDOUINS

Bedouins are nomads who have adapted to the severe conditions of the desert. They use their extensive knowledge of the local weather conditions to survive. Bedouins generally prefer herding camels, sheep, and goats to farming. They live with their extended families and are led by sheikhs. Bedouins live in tents so they can move easily. The traditional Bedouin lifestyle is slowly disappearing as modern wealth and strong governments evolve in the Middle East and North Africa. Almost all Bedouins are Muslims who speak Arabic. Bedouins comprise a small minority of the people of the region, but they live across a wide area of the desert.

### Answer in complete sentences

Use your study sheet to find the correct answers.

16. What does *bedouin* mean?

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17. Explain how the Bedouins have adapted to the environment of the desert.

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\*18. Why do you think the number of Bedouins following their traditional lifestyle is slowly decreasing?

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#### OIL

The i\_\_\_\_\_ nations of the world depend on e\_\_\_\_\_, and petroleum o\_\_\_\_\_ is a primary source of energy. More than f\_\_\_\_\_ percent of the world oil r\_\_\_\_\_ are found in the M\_\_\_\_\_ East and North A\_\_\_\_\_. In 1960, several o\_\_\_\_\_ producing nations formed a c\_\_\_\_\_ called O.\_\_\_\_\_. to control the p\_\_\_\_c\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_d\_\_\_\_\_n of oil. In 1973, O.P.E.C. cut oil production, and American g\_\_\_\_\_ prices more than d\_\_\_\_\_.

Oil w\_\_\_\_\_ has changed the Middle E\_\_\_\_\_ and N\_\_\_\_\_ Africa. Some leaders in the region have m\_\_\_\_\_ their nations, while others have purchased w\_\_\_\_\_ and maintained large a\_\_\_\_\_. Experts believe that we will soon e\_h\_u\_t or s\_p\_l\_ of easily a\_\_\_e\_\_\_a\_\_\_l oil sometime in the near future, so the nations of the Middle East and North Africa will soon have to prepare for a future without o\_\_\_\_\_ wealth.

### Answer in complete sentences

*Use your study sheet to find the correct answers.*

\*19. What is a cartel?

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\*20. If you could limit the supply of a vital resource like water or energy, would the price increase or decrease? Explain why.

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\*21. How should oil-producing nations prepare for the day when oil runs out?

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#### THE DEAD SEA

The Dead S\_\_\_\_\_ is a salty l\_\_\_\_\_ located between I\_\_\_\_\_ and J\_\_\_\_\_. It is the l\_\_\_\_\_ body of w\_\_\_\_\_ on E\_\_\_\_\_, nearly \_\_\_\_\_ miles below s\_\_\_\_\_ level. Water flows into the D\_\_\_\_\_ Sea from the J\_\_\_\_\_ River, but because it is l\_\_\_\_\_ than the land surrounding it, no water f\_\_\_\_\_ out.

The hot d\_\_\_\_\_ sun e\_\_\_\_\_ the w\_\_\_\_\_, but leaves behind s\_\_\_\_\_ and other m\_\_\_\_\_ carried in from the r\_\_\_\_\_. The result is water that is s\_\_\_\_\_ times s\_\_\_\_\_ than the o\_\_\_\_\_. Bathers can easily f\_\_\_\_\_ on the s\_\_\_\_\_ water, but when they get out, they have a salty c\_\_\_\_\_ on their s\_\_\_\_\_. The D\_\_\_\_\_ Sea is aptly named because any fish carried in from the J\_\_\_\_\_ River d\_\_\_\_\_ instantly.

### Answer in complete sentences

Use your study sheet to find the correct answers.

\*22. What is the dictionary definition of a sea? Why is the Dead Sea not a sea?

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\*23. What two elements do the Dead Sea, the Caspian Sea, the Aral Sea, and the Great Salt Lake all have in common?

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\*24. Write a paragraph that describes why you would or would not want to swim in the Dead Sea. Be sure to include a topic sentence, at least two support sentences, and a conclusion that restates, but does not repeat the topic sentence.

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#### THE SUEZ CANAL

The 101-m\_\_\_\_\_ Suez C\_\_\_\_\_ is one of the world’s most important w\_\_\_\_\_. It is often called the “c\_\_\_\_\_ of Europe, Africa, and A\_\_\_\_\_” because the route is used to t\_\_\_\_\_ goods to all three c\_\_\_\_\_.” The idea of building a canal through the isthmus of Suez is \*t\_\_\_\_\_ of years old, but the canal was not completed until a F\_\_\_\_\_ company led by Ferdinand d\_\_L\_\_\_\_\_ completed the task in 1869. The canal saved ships from having to circumnavigate Africa, and cut the journey from the Mediterranean Sea to I\_\_\_\_\_ by 6,000 miles.

The B\_\_\_\_\_ purchased control of the S\_\_\_\_\_ Canal when Egypt fell into d\_\_\_\_\_. The British sent s\_\_\_\_\_ to Egypt because they said they wanted to \*p\_\_\_\_\_ their interests. In 1956, E\_\_\_\_\_ president Gamel Abdel N\_\_\_\_\_ seized the Suez C\_\_\_\_\_ and declared it to be the p\_\_\_\_\_ of the Egyptian people. Egypt denied I\_\_\_\_\_ the right to use the canal for many years, but today it is open to e\_\_\_\_\_ nation.

### Answer in complete sentences

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25. What is an isthmus?

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\*26. The idea of building the Suez Canal is thousands of years old, but it was not completed until 1869, Suggest some reasons why the idea of a canal connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea took so long to accomplish. Be creative and try to think of reasons nobody else will consider.

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\*27. In 1956, Gamel Abdel Nasser seized the Suez Canal and declared it to be the property of the Egyptian people. Many years earlier, the British government had purchased the canal from Egypt. Who do you think is the rightful owner of the Suez Canal? Explain your answer.

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#### THE ASWAN DAM

The government of E\_\_\_\_\_ constructed the A\_\_\_\_\_ Dam in order to control the annual f\_\_\_\_\_ of the N\_\_\_\_\_ River. The creation of the dam was an exciting technological development, but that development has come at financial and environmental costs.

Lake N\_\_\_\_\_, the world's largest m\_\_\_\_\_ lake, holds the water that created the Nile's annual f\_\_\_\_\_. This has created new f\_\_\_\_\_ areas and has provided much-needed w\_\_\_\_\_ for a\_\_\_\_\_. Additionally, \*f\_\_\_\_\_ along the b\_\_\_\_\_ of the N\_\_\_\_\_ are now able to g\_\_\_\_\_ an additional c\_\_\_\_\_ during the period when their land has been previously under \*w\_\_\_\_\_.

The Aswan Dam has many critics. The project was more \*e\_\_\_\_\_ than expected. The Aswan Dam holds back s\_\_\_\_\_, which created t\_\_\_\_\_ needed for p\_\_\_\_\_. Egyptian \*f\_\_\_\_\_ along the N\_\_\_\_\_ are forced to use expensive f\_\_\_\_\_ in place of the s\_\_\_\_\_. Also, f\_\_\_\_\_ fed on the s\_\_\_\_\_, and people downstream depended on f\_\_\_\_\_ from the m\_\_\_\_\_ river.

### Answer in complete sentences

*Use your study sheet to find the correct answers.*

\*28. Write a paragraph that explains why building the Aswan Dam was a good idea. Your paragraph must include a topic sentence, at least two supporting sentences and a conclusion that restates but does not repeat the topic sentence.

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\*29. Write a paragraph that explains why building the Aswan Dam was a bad idea. Your paragraph must include a topic sentence, at least two supporting sentences, and a conclusion that restates but does not repeat the topic sentence.

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### Describe the Shapes of the Nations

*Use the map on your sheet to find the nations of the Middle East and North Africa. Consider the shape of each nation and describe what it looks like to you. Have fun and think of creative answers*

- Morocco \_\_\_\_\_
- Algeria \_\_\_\_\_
- Tunisia \_\_\_\_\_
- Libya \_\_\_\_\_
- Egypt \_\_\_\_\_
- Turkey \_\_\_\_\_
- Iraq \_\_\_\_\_
- Iran \_\_\_\_\_
- Afghanistan \_\_\_\_\_
- Saudi Arabia \_\_\_\_\_
- United Arab Emirates \_\_\_\_\_
- Oman \_\_\_\_\_
- Yemen \_\_\_\_\_
- Kuwait \_\_\_\_\_
- Jordan \_\_\_\_\_
- Israel \_\_\_\_\_
- Lebanon \_\_\_\_\_
- Syria \_\_\_\_\_

### Answer in complete sentences

*Use your study sheet to find the correct answers. Use the table on page six of your study sheet to find the answers.*

\*34. What is the dictionary definition of correlation?

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35. Describe the correlation between arable land and population density in the Middle East and North Africa.

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### Answer in complete sentences

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\*36. Egypt has almost as many people as the rest of the nations of North Africa, despite the fact only 3% of Egypt's land is arable. Why is this so?

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\*37. Explain why Bahrain is the most crowded nation of the Middle East and North Africa.

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38. What is Saudi Arabia named for?

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40. What Middle Eastern nation is partly in Europe?

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41. What is an emirate?

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42. What is Yemen's most famous export?

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43. Write the names of the nations of the Middle East and North Africa sorted by area in descending order. You do not have to write your answer in a complete sentence.)

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