

**Middle East (Southwest Asia):
World Geography Chapters 21 and 23 Section 1**

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1. Where was the birthplace of both agriculture and civilization?

2. What are the basic elements of civilization?

3. What is the name of the first civilization in Mesopotamia?

4. Define monotheism:

5. When did the Judaism and Christianity begin?

Judaism-

Christianity-

6. When did Islam begin in this region?

7. What is the reason for Arab-Israeli conflict?

8. What product has brought wealth to the Persian Gulf countries?

9. In Southwest Asia, _____ cover much of the plains except where rivers provide water for _____.

10. Name the two rivers flowing through Iraq.

11. Name the 5 bodies of water that surround the Arabian Peninsula.

12. Describe the climate of this region.

13. Looking at the climate graph of Beirut, Lebanon, describe the climate of Beirut.

14. What 4 vegetation (Ecosystems) regions are found in Iran?

15. Define chapparal:

16. How is the population concentrated in this region? Where do most people live?

17. What 3 religions developed in Southwest Asia?

18. Define: (1 point each)

Mosque-

Muezzin-

Minaret-

19. Looking at the Economic Activities map, what is the majority of the land in this region used for?

20. Why would the Middle East want to invest in desalination plants?



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21. What is another name for the Middle East? _____

22. Why was the Middle East once a source of power?

22. What religion has governed over this region for centuries?

23. Under which empire did life for non-Muslims improve? Why?

24. Who did the Ottoman empire become allies with during World War I?

25. According to the Sykes-Picot Agreement, how was the Ottoman empire to be divided?

26. At the end of World War I, what is the only country left in the Ottoman empire?

27. Define mandate:

28. Which mandates was Great Britain given to govern over?

29. By the mid 1940s, which Middle Eastern countries had their independence?

30. Why was the independence of Palestine a dilemma for Great Britain? Explain.

31. Why did the Jews migrate to other places and not remain in Palestine?

32. Define Zionism:

33. Why did Jews want to have a national state in the Middle East?

34. Why were Arabs upset when Great Britain supported the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine?

35. When the Jewish population in Palestine grew, how did the Arabs revolt?

36. How did Jews in Palestine respond?

37. How did the United Nations attempt to solve the problem of the territory of Palestine?

38. What happened to the area of Palestine promised to Palestinian Arabs by the United Nations?

39. What is the name of the Jewish national state in the Middle East?

