

Choice Board: Geography Impacts Life in South West Asia (The Middle East)

You MUST choose 1 activity to complete from EACH row (total of 2 activities).

Each activity is worth 50 points (Total pts=100).

MODERATE ACTIVITIES = 3 bonus points

CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES = 5 bonus points

SS7G5 The student will locate selected features in Southwestern Asia (Middle East).

a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Euphrates River, Jordan River, Tigris River, Suez Canal, Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, and Gaza Strip.

b. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the nations of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey.

SS7G6 The student will discuss environmental issues across Southwest Asia (Middle East).

a. Explain how water pollution and the unequal distribution of water impacts irrigation and drinking water.

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

b. Describe how the deserts and rivers of Southwest Asia (Middle East) have affected the population in terms of where people live, the type of work they do, and how they travel.

PUT A CHECK MARK OR AN 'X' ON EACH OF YOUR CHOICES.

<p>Draw a population density map of the Middle East. Include a map key which shows the areas of high (dense) population and the areas of low (sparse) population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Write 5 facts that explain how geography has impacted areas of high and low population. ✓ Write 5 facts about why people live in areas of high population. ✓ Write 5 facts about why so few people live in areas that are sparsely populated. ✓ INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT DESERTS AND RIVERS in your 15 facts. <p>(MODERATE)</p>	<p>Write a newspaper article for <i>The Middle East Times</i> (fictitious newspaper). The article must include information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic features of the region including deserts and rivers. • Description of population distribution. • Information about land use • Information about major natural resources <p>Include a title and a picture to go with your article.</p> <p>(CHALLENGING)</p>	<p>Write 20 questions with the answers (not true/false or yes/no) about the impact of geographic features of the Middle East. You must have 5 questions and answers for each of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic features including deserts and rivers • Population distribution • Land Use • Major Natural Resources of 5 different countries. <p>(EASY)</p>												
<p>Draw a chart which shows your understanding of how unequal distribution of water in the Middle East affects people's access to drinking water and water for irrigation.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="131 1604 565 1902"> <thead> <tr> <th>Unequal Distribution of Water</th> <th>Access to Drinking Water</th> <th>Problems Irrigating Crops</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fact 1 (cause)</td> <td>Fact 1 (cause)</td> <td>Fact 1 (cause)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fact 2 (effect)</td> <td>Fact 2 (effect)</td> <td>Fact 2 (effect)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fact 3 (effect)</td> <td>Fact 3 (effect)</td> <td>Fact 3 (effect)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(EASY)</p>	Unequal Distribution of Water	Access to Drinking Water	Problems Irrigating Crops	Fact 1 (cause)	Fact 1 (cause)	Fact 1 (cause)	Fact 2 (effect)	Fact 2 (effect)	Fact 2 (effect)	Fact 3 (effect)	Fact 3 (effect)	Fact 3 (effect)	<p>Draw an illustration that might appear in a magazine which brings attention to the fact that a majority of the people in the Middle East do not have access to good quality FRESH water for drinking and irrigation. Your picture MUST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be colorful and neat. • Have a headline and details about the causes and effects of the problem. • Offer a solution to the problem. <p>(MODERATE + 3 POINTS)</p>	<p>Create either a power point (10 slides) or a 'comic' strip (10 frames) explaining the causes and effects of unequal distribution of water in the Middle East. The following information must be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact on drinking water • Impact on irrigation • Possible political problems • Areas most impacted • Pictures (drawn or copied) • Comic strip must have dialogue <p>The presentation must be neat and colorful.</p> <p>(CHALLENGING + 5 POINTS)</p>
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Performance Task Rubric

	EXCEEDS (45-50 points)	MEETS (35-44 points)	DOES NOT MEET (below 35 points)
Row 1 Activity	<p>You have done an excellent job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Accurately describes population distribution ✓ Shows a clear understanding of how geography has impacted people. ✓ Includes information which proves that you understand how geography affects what people do for a living. ✓ You have gone the 'extra mile'! 	<p>You understand the impact that geography has on people in the Middle East but have not included all the required elements listed in the EXCEEDS column.</p>	<p>Your work does not prove that you have a clear understanding of how the geography of the Middle East impacts the people who live there in terms of where they live or what they do for a living.</p>
Row 2 Activity	<p>You have done an excellent job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Explaining the causes and effects of the unequal distribution of water in the Middle East (including possible political detail). ✓ Including information about how a lack of water impacts irrigation and drinking water. ✓ You have gone the 'extra mile' ! 	<p>You understand how unequal distribution of water, in the Middle East, impacts people, but you have not given an exceeding amount of information (details) about how irrigation and drinking water are affected.</p>	<p>Your work does not prove that you have a clear understanding of how drinking water and irrigation are impacted by unequal distribution of water.</p>

Row 1 Points _____ + Bonus Points (moderate or challenging) _____

Comments:

Row 2 Points _____ + Bonus Points (moderate or challenging) _____

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Total Points: _____