Guided Reading Activity

Southwest Asia

Lesson 1 Physical Geography of Southwest Asia

Essential Question: How does geography influence the way people live?

Southwest Asia's Physical Features

Directions: Use your textbook to identify each type of landform or body of water.

the range stretching across Afghanistan that contains Southwest Asia's highest mountains the route through the mountains that links Kabul, Afghanistan, and Peshwar, Pakistan Turkey's highest mountain peak the vast plateau that contains Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, and several other countries one of the world's busiest waterways since the Suez Canal was completed in 1869 a part of the Indian Ocean that lies southeast of the Arabian Peninsula and borders Yemen and Oman the strategic waterway that connects the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea the landlocked body of water between Israel and Jordan that is the world's lowest body of water the dry land that covers nearly the entire Arabian Peninsula the world's largest sand sea

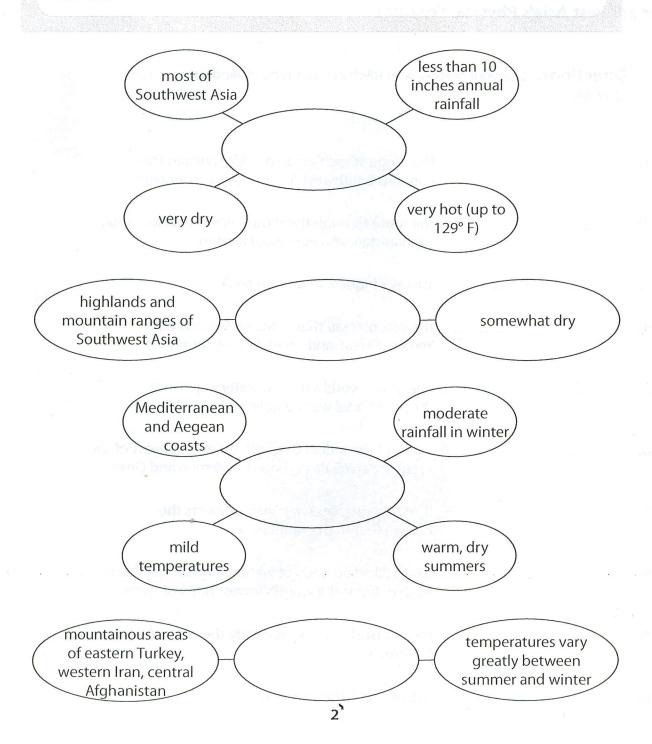
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Southwest Asia's Climates

Directions: Complete the webs with information about Southwest Asia's climates.



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Natural Resources

Directions: As you read the section, answer these questions about the resources available in Southwest Asia.

- 1. What very important resource is scarce in the region?
- 2. What two fossil fuels are found in abundance in the region?
- **3.** Where are the region's deposits of petroleum most concentrated?
- 4. How much of the world's oil does the region in Southwest Asia hold?
- 5. What other mineral resources are found in Southwest Asia? Make a list.