

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

a. Explain how the distribution of oil has affected the development of Southwest Asia (Middle East).  
Essential Question: How has the distribution of oil affected the development of Southwest Asia?

- Answers:
1. Iran and Iraq have increased population and grown their economies with oil.
  2. Saudi Arabia has gone from a poor country to one of wealth.
  3. Turkey and Afghanistan benefit from transporting oil.
  4. Some countries such as Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon also do not have oil.

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.

Essential Question: How do deserts and rivers in Southwest Asia affect the population where people live, the type of work they do, and how they travel?

Rivers	Most people live along the Tigris and Euphrates River in the Fertile Crescent; Canals help to irrigate crops	The large cities use cars; boats on the river; some cities have public transportation (rail; buses)
Deserts	People live near springs in the desert (oasis) working mainly has farmers and herders	The people still use camel for transportation, but bus and truck are also used from city to the rural areas
Coast	Port cities: in Turkey along the Mediterranean; Saudi Arabia along the Red Sea and Persian Gulf; Iraq and Iran along the Persian Gulf. Dubai in the United Arab Emirates along the Persian Gulf is one of the fastest growing cities in the world	Cars are the major form transportation; the poor people have to walk or use public transportation.

**SS7G11 The student will explain the impact of location, climate, physical characteristics, distribution of natural resources, and population distribution on Southern and Eastern Asia.**

a. Describe the impact climate and location has on population distribution in Southern and Eastern Asia.

Essential Question: How does climate have an impact on population distribution in Southern and Eastern Asia?

Answer:

1. Most people live in the rural areas where they farm.
2. Although most people live in the rural areas, Asia has some of the most populated cities in the world.
3. Most people live in the Southern parts of Asia on the plain and plateau where is warmer than in the Mountains where it is cold or the deserts where it is dry.
4. Few People live in the rain forest

b. Describe how the mountain, desert, and water features of Southern and Eastern Asia have affected the population in terms of where people live, the types of work they do, and how they travel.

Essential Questions: How do mountains, deserts, and water features affect where people live, the types of work they do, and how they travel?

Mountains	Few people live here. Work farming and herding.	Trucks and pack animals: horse, donkey, yaks
Desert	Live near Springs for herding sheep	Camel still used, trucks
Water	Most people live along the rivers where most large cities are; few people live in the rain forest	In the cities they use cars or public transportation; In India and China they still use the ricksaw in large countries; Japan has super fast rail system.