

GPS.07.SS.SWA.SS7G7 - The student will explain the impact of location, climate, physical characteristics, Distribution of natural resources and population distribution on Southwest Asia (Middle East).

GPS.07.SS.SWA.SS7G7.a - Explain how the distribution of oil has affected the development of Southwest Asia (Middle East).

Essential Question: How does the distribution of oil affect the development of Southwest Asia?

1. Southwest Asia produces 60% of the world's oil. Countries that have oil, Saudi Arabia (the largest producer), Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, have improved their economies and their standard of living.
2. Some countries like Turkey and Afghanistan benefit from the transportation of oil.
3. Countries that do not have oil must rely on other resources or they still have poor standard of living. Israel makes money polishing diamonds and selling citrus fruit so they have good standard of living without oil.
4. Some countries like Yemen and Oman have poor standard of living since they do not produce oil.

Additional Notes

GPS.07.SS.SWA.SS7G7.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 of Southwest Asia affect population in terms of where do people live, the type of work they do, and how they travel?

	Where People Live	Type of Work	Travel
Deserts	Urban Cities around oasis like Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Rural areas around Oasis	Urban: merchants, factories and offices; Rural: farmer and herders	Urban: Cars, buses, bicycles, walk; Rural: Camel Truck. Some countries do have highways and rail system in the desert

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	Where People Live	Type of Work	Travel
Rivers	Largest: along and between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Mesopotamia (land between the rivers) Also called the fertile crescent has the largest population	Urban: merchants, factories and offices; Rural: farmers	Urban: Cars, buses, bicycles, walk; Rural: Boat, Car and Truck. There are highways and rail system in Iraq and Turkey as well.