

The Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, and Iran

Chapter Review



BIG IDEAS

1. The Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, and Iran make up a mostly desert region with very valuable oil resources.
2. Most countries of the Arabian Peninsula share three main characteristics: Islamic religion and culture, monarchy as a form of government, and valuable oil resources.
3. Iraq, a country with a rich culture and natural resources, faces the challenges of rebuilding after years of conflict.
4. Islam is a huge influence on government and daily life in Iran.

REVIEWING VOCABULARY, TERMS, AND PLACES

In the space provided, write the word from the word bank below that best matches each description.

Arabian Peninsula

Baghdad

OPEC

Persian Gulf

Shia

Sunni

Tehran

theocracy

- _____ 1. This region's countries are arranged in a semicircle.
- _____ 2. the capital of Iran
- _____ 3. group that works to influence the price of oil
- _____ 4. group that believes that the majority of people can interpret teachings of Islam
- _____ 5. a government ruled by religious leaders

COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING

Read each of the following pairs of sentences, and cross out the **FALSE** sentence.

1. **a.** Water is very scarce in the Arabian Peninsula.
b. Water is the most abundant resource in the Arabian Peninsula.
2. **a.** Oman plays a leading role in OPEC.
b. Saudi Arabia plays a leading role in OPEC.
3. **a.** Saddam Hussein remained in power after the Persian Gulf War ended in 1991.
b. Saddam Hussein was removed from power after the Persian Gulf War ended in 1991.

4. a. Iran's government is ruled by religious leaders.
b. Iran's government is based on the separation of church and state.
5. a. The Arabian Peninsula has the largest sand desert in the world.
b. The Arabian Peninsula has the most permanent rivers in the world.

REVIEWING THEMES

In the space provided, explain how each term relates to the theme listed below.

Theme: *human-environment interaction*

1. wadis

2. pivot-irrigated fields

3. oil

REVIEW ACTIVITY: COLLAGE

On a separate sheet of paper, create a collage of images that show ideas associated with The Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, and Iran. Use the ideas below to help you in your search for images. Label each image with the idea it represents. You must have at least ten images in your collage. They may be from your own drawings, newspapers, magazines, or other sources your teacher approves.

desert	theocracy	OPEC	Arabic
oil	Islam	women's rights	Sunni Muslims
water	war	Shia Muslims	Baghdad