

12 Questions Southwest Asia Supplement

Directions: Read pages 36 – 47 in the “West Asia Geography and Environment” book and answer the following questions.

1. Why are resources such as water and oil so important to West Asia?
2. Name two deserts in West Asia.
3. How much rain does the region get every year?
4. How do people find water for drinking and irrigation?
5. Describe drip irrigation.
6. What crops are grown in West Asia?
7. Describe the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.
8. What are some advantages and disadvantages to damming rivers in this arid part of the world?
9. Which Middle Eastern country has most of the world’s oil reserves?
10. When freshwater isn’t available, what process is used to get drinking water?
11. How would water pollution effect water availability in this region?
12. How does unequal distribution of water and oil impact where people live?