

QUIZ: THE MIDDLE EAST

Multiple-Choice

- (1) ____ The Middle East covers parts of northeastern Africa, southeastern Europe, and:
(a) southwestern Asia (b) southeastern Africa (c) northern Europe
- (2) ____ Some of the countries in the Middle East are: (a) Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria
(b) Senegal, Somalia, and Mauritania (c) Afghanistan, Burma, and Pakistan
- (3) ____ Most of the people in the Middle East are: (a) Jews (b) Turks and Kurds (c) Arabs
- (4) ____ Geographic features found in the region include the: (a) Nile River and Arabian Peninsula
(b) Indus River and Himalaya Mountains (c) Congo River and Mount Kilimanjaro
- (5) ____ Countries in this part of the world have: (a) long, hot summers and mild winters
(b) hot summers and cold winters (c) warm summers and cool winters

Completion

- (6) The leading religion in the Middle East is _____.
- (7) Because _____ stretch across a wide area, only land along the coast and in the mountains receives more than 10 inches of rain per year.
- (8) Agricultural production has risen steadily since the 1950's because of better equipment, scientific farming methods, improved seeds, and extensive _____ systems.
- (9) Iran, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates export large quantities of _____ to the industrialized nations of the world.
- (10) In 1947, the United Nations divided Palestine into an Arab state and the Jewish state of _____.

Matching

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| (11) ____ subsistence farmers | (a) only a small number of them still wander through the desert in search of water and grazing land for their cattle, sheep, and goats |
| (12) ____ nomads | (b) firmly established a belief in one God |
| (13) ____ unskilled workers | (c) developed one of the world's cradles of civilization more than five thousand years ago |
| (14) ____ Hebrews | (d) live in villages and grow crops in the nearby fields using the same simple tools as their ancestors |
| (15) ____ Sumerians | (e) large numbers of them live in poverty in the cities |

True-False

- (16) _____ Most Middle Easterners now use tractors and other equipment to help them produce enough food for their families.
- (17) _____ The growth of industry has caused overcrowding and pollution in the cities.
- (18) _____ The Palestine Liberation Organization insisted that all of Palestine, including Israeli territory, belonged to the Palestinian Arabs.
- (19) _____ During the 1980's, Iran and Iraq waged a bitter eight-year war that took tens of thousands of lives.
- (20) _____ In 1990, an army from Iraq defeated United Nations forces and captured oil-rich Kuwait.