

# UNIT 2 The Middle East

(Some Major Countries: Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Yemen...

Some Major Cities: Baghdad, Kabul, Kandahar, Tehran, Istanbul, Tel-Aviv, Islamabad...)

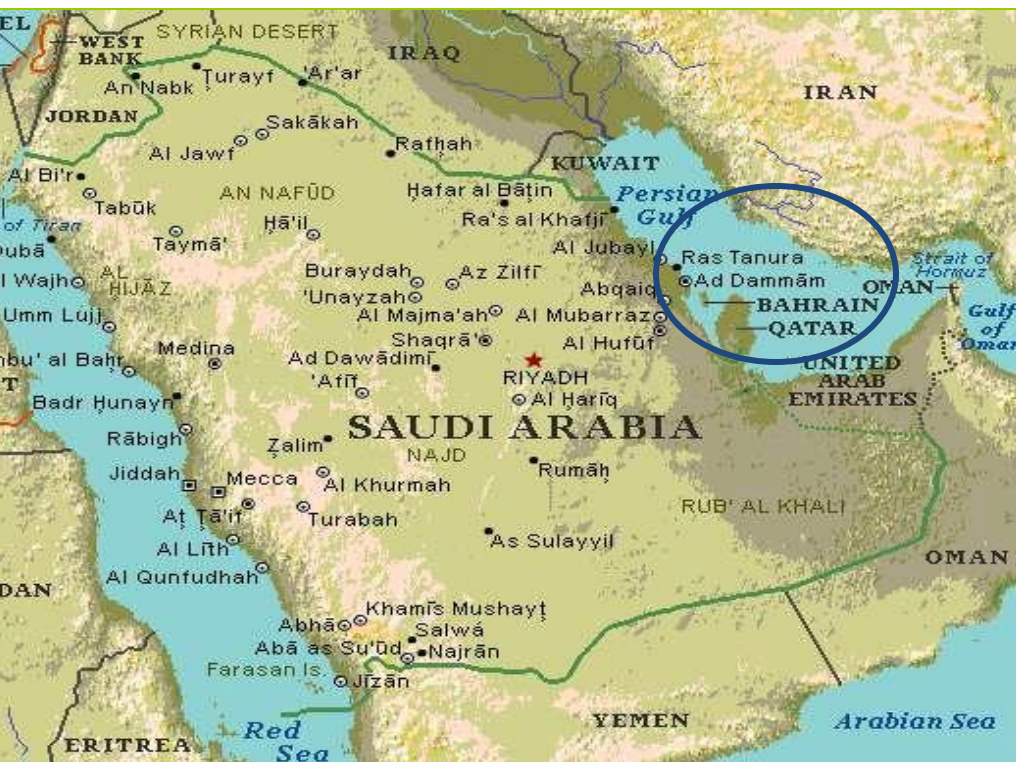


**Aim 1b: What is the geography of the Middle East?**

**HW: Watch a news broadcast on tv while using the map on p106 and write down any countries or cities from the Middle east that are said in your NB. (Study for Quiz make-ups, LAST CHANCE Weds)**

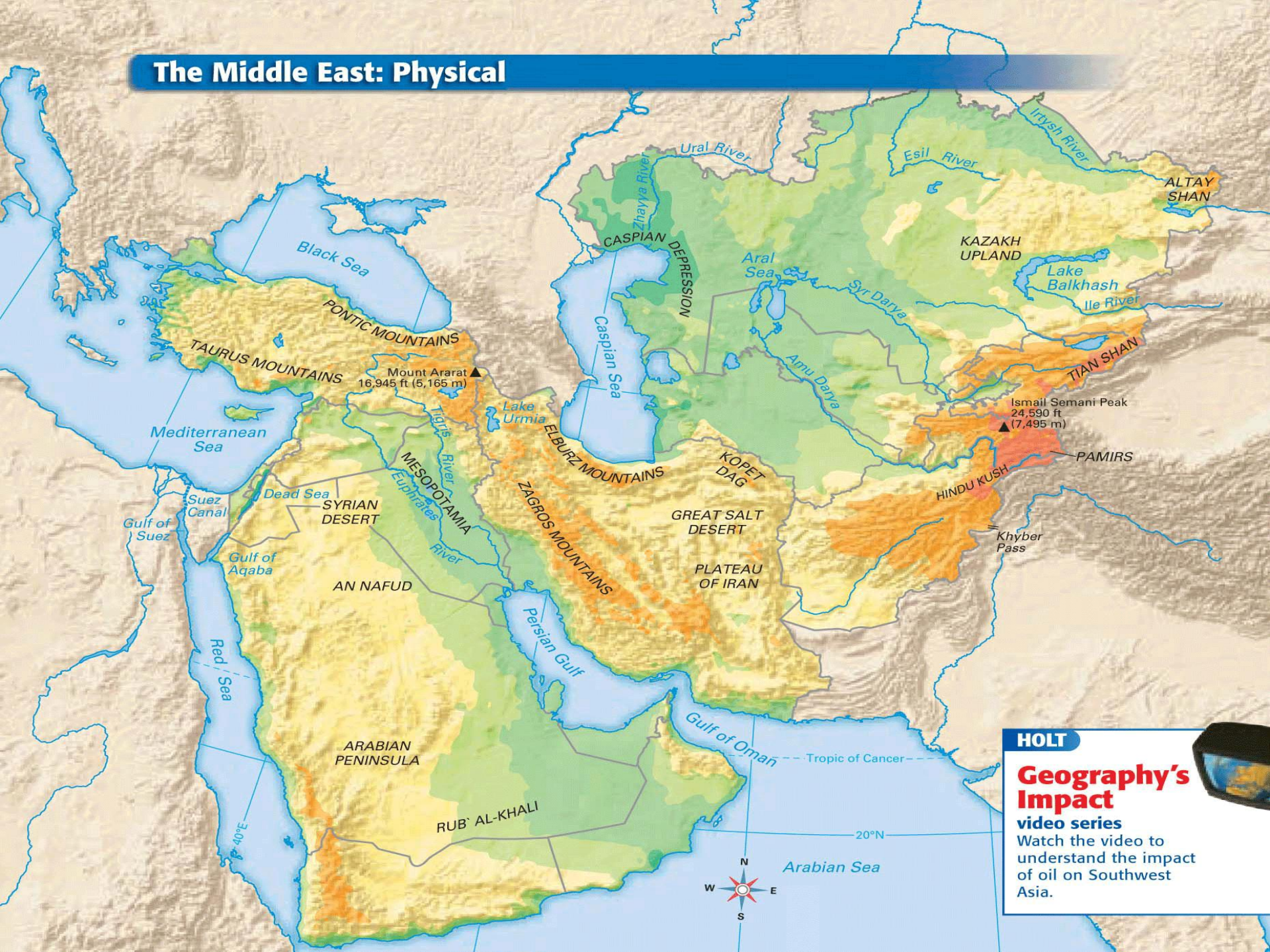
**Do Now: How does trading affect your personal life and international business?**

**-There are many deserts in the Middle East.  
(Rub al-Khali is a major one on the Arabian Peninsula in Saudi Arabia. What other physical features do you see on p 104?)**





# The Middle East: Physical



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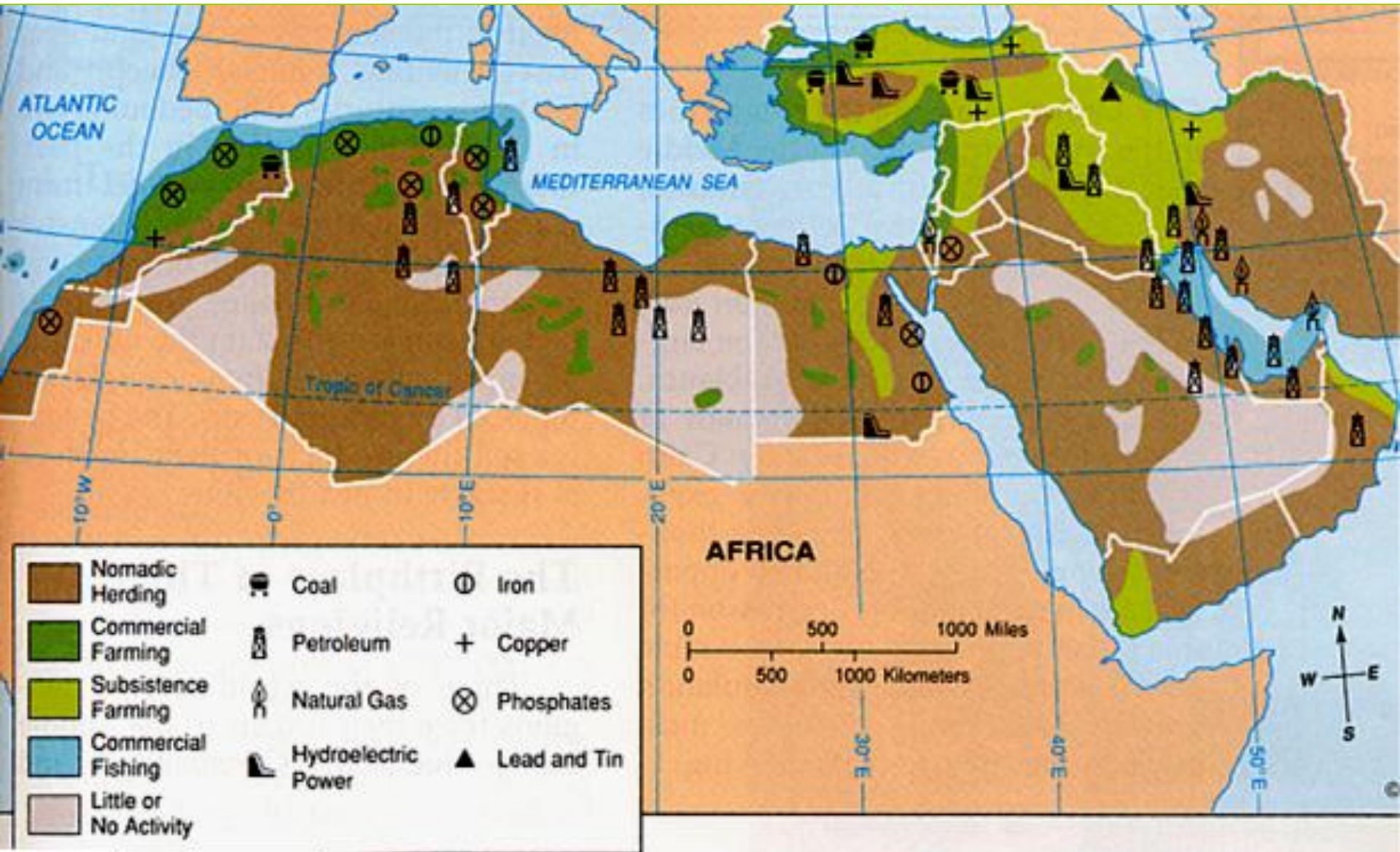
## Geography's Impact

**video series**

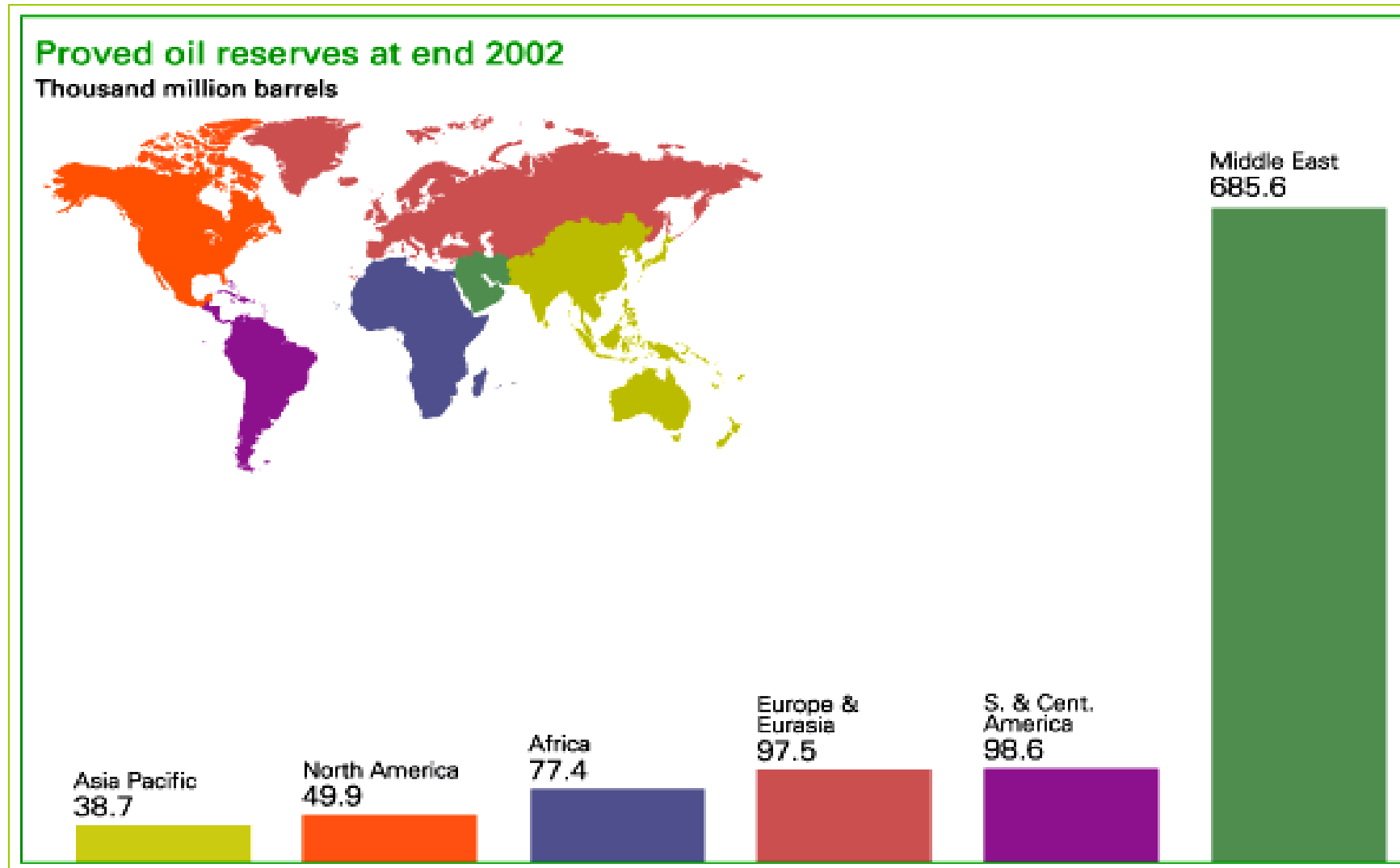
Watch the video to understand the impact of oil on Southwest Asia.



# -Natural Resources: The Middle East has huge amounts of oil. (p107)



# (In fact, the Middle East has most of the oil left in the world!)





**-Population: Most people live near bodies of water. Water is a scarce and valuable resource in the desert.**

**A water delivery truck**

**Getting well water**



**-Climate: is mostly dry making water a precious resource.**

**(About 67% of the middle east is a desert.  
They are increasing in size.)**





**(Farmers use irrigation to get water to their crops.)**



**Task->Make a political map of the Middle East. Be sure to write the name of the country and show the capital cities.**

**Definitions and examples**



<b>Vocabulary Word</b>	<b>My Definition</b>	<b>Examples</b>	<b>Examples from the text in the Middle East.</b>
<b>Physical Features</b>	Things on the surface of earth.	River, mountain, desert, volcano, lake	
<b>Climate</b>	The average weather in one place for a long time.		
<b>Vegetation</b>	The plants that grow in a certain area.		
<b>Natural Resources</b>	A natural material found on Earth.		

**Aim2: What is the geography of the Eastern Mediterranean region?**

**HW: Using p 114-117 answer questions 1 to 3 on p117 in NB.**

**Do Now: Why is it hard to farm in the desert? How might technology help people to grow plants in the desert?**



# **Eastern Mediterranean of the Middle East** **(Countries->Turkey, Cyprus, Syria,** **Lebanon Israel, Jordan)**

**-The Eastern Mediterranean region has a dry climate, valuable resources and is located sits in the middle of three continents Europe, Asia and Africa.**

# Physical Features

**-include plateaus, highlands, rivers, mountains and costal plains.**

**-The Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus, and the Dardanelles make a waterway that separates Europe from Asia.**

**Jordan River-a river that begins in Syria and flows south into the Dead Sea.**

**Dead Sea-a very salty lake, it is the lowest point (below sea level) on any continent.**



## Dead Sea

Because of its high salt content, swimmers do not sink in the Dead Sea.

### ANALYZING VISUALS

What appears on the shore of the Dead Sea?







Interactive Map

## The Eastern Mediterranean: Physical



Geography Skills

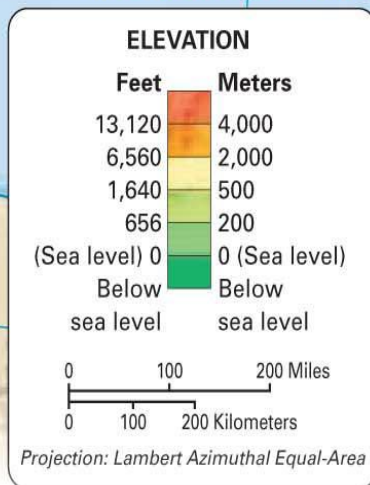
**Place** Turkey's elevation is higher than the rest of the region.

1. **Locate** Where is the Dead Sea located?

2. **Draw Conclusions** Notice the physical features in Jordan and Israel. What do you think the climate is like here?

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# Dead Sea



Mount Ararat's snowcapped peak rises about 17,000 feet (5,180 m) in eastern Turkey.

# Climate

**-mostly dry, Desert and Mediterranean or cool wet winter climates. Driest areas are deserts with little vegetation or plants.**

**Syrian Desert- desert of rock and gravel covering most of Syria and Jordan.**

# Natural Resources

- 1. Water-valuable resource to farmers**
- 2. Minerals- sulfur, mercury, copper**
- 3. Phosphates-are salts used to make fertilizer**
- 4. Asphalt- used to pave streets**



**Read Aloud**

**Textbook p114 -117**

**Task->Guided completion of worksheet. Last section done independently.**

# Independent Questions

**TRUE/FALSE** Read each **FALSE** statement below. In your NB write the sentence with the word/s from the word bank to replace the underlined words so that the sentence is **TRUE**.

Dead Sea

Dead Sea

Sea of Marmara

Syria

Syrian Desert

1. The waterway separating Europe from Asia is made up of the Dardanelles, the Bosphorus, and the Mediterranean Sea.
2. The Syrian Desert is the lowest point on any continent.
3. The Jordan River begins in Jordan and flows south into the Dead Sea.
4. Much of Syria and Jordan is covered by the Pontic Mountains.
5. Farming is limited in the Eastern Mediterranean because of the salt content from the Black Sea.

**Aim 3: What the geography of the Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, and Iran?**

**HW: None**

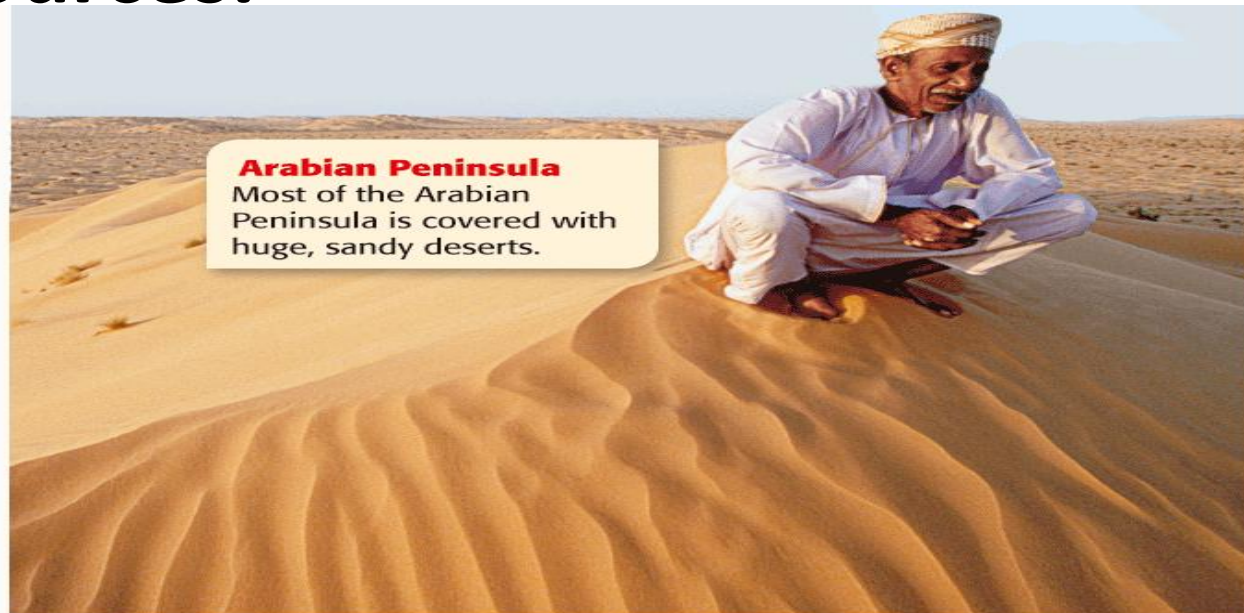
**Do Now: The word “groundwater” is made up of two nouns to make a compound word. Make a list of as many compound words as you can in your NB.**



# The Arabian Peninsula, Iraq and Iran

(Countries->Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran)

-This region is mostly desert and has very valuable oil resources.



## **Arabian Peninsula**

Most of the Arabian Peninsula is covered with huge, sandy deserts.

# Physical Features

**-Major features-> desert plains and mountains**

**Arabian Peninsula- has largest sand desert in the world made of sand, rocks and gravel.**

**Persian Gulf-a large bay that is part of the Indian Ocean located between the Arabian Peninsula and Iran.**

**Tigris and Euphrates Rivers- flow across a flat plain in Iraq and empty into the Persian gulf.**



# Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, and Iran: Physical



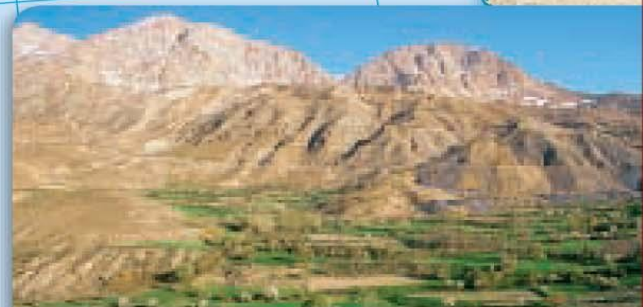
## Geography Skills

**Location** This region lies at the intersection of Europe, Africa, and Asia.

- 1. Locate** Where are the Elburz Mountains?
- 2. Make Inferences** How might the region's location have affected its history?

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- 1** The Elburz Mountains in Iran are the highest land in the region.

- 2** The Euphrates River creates a narrow, fertile area in Iraq.



# **Climate**

- This region has a dry climate and little vegetation.**
- Largest desert in the world the Rub al Khali covers much of Saudi Arabia.**

# **Natural Resources**

- 1. Water – from wadis wells dug where streams once were or from fossil water which is groundwater found in wells that is not replaced by rainfall.**
- 2. Oil -Most of the world is dependent on oil.**

# **Partner Read Aloud**

## **Reader p32-33**

**Task->Think, Pair, Share before reading text using worksheet. After reading students find examples in the text alone, then with a partner.**

**Independent Practice->**  
**Section Questions**

**1. Which of the following is found on the Arabian Peninsula?**

- A. the largest sand desert in the world**
- b. the largest mountain range in the world**
- c. the lowest point on any continent**

**2. Which kind of water is not replaced by rainfall?**

- a. wadis**
- b. fossil**
- c. well**

**3. Desert plains and \_\_\_\_\_ make up most of the physical features of the Arabian Peninsula**

- a. rock**
- b. oases**
- c. mountains**

**4. Earth has a \_\_\_\_\_ supply of oil.**

- a. never ending**
- b. endless**
- c. constant**

**Aim 3: What is the geography of Central Asia?**

**HW: Write down one thing you think you need to improve about your writing in your NB.**

**Do Now: Do you know which country the character “Borat” was from?**



# Central Asia

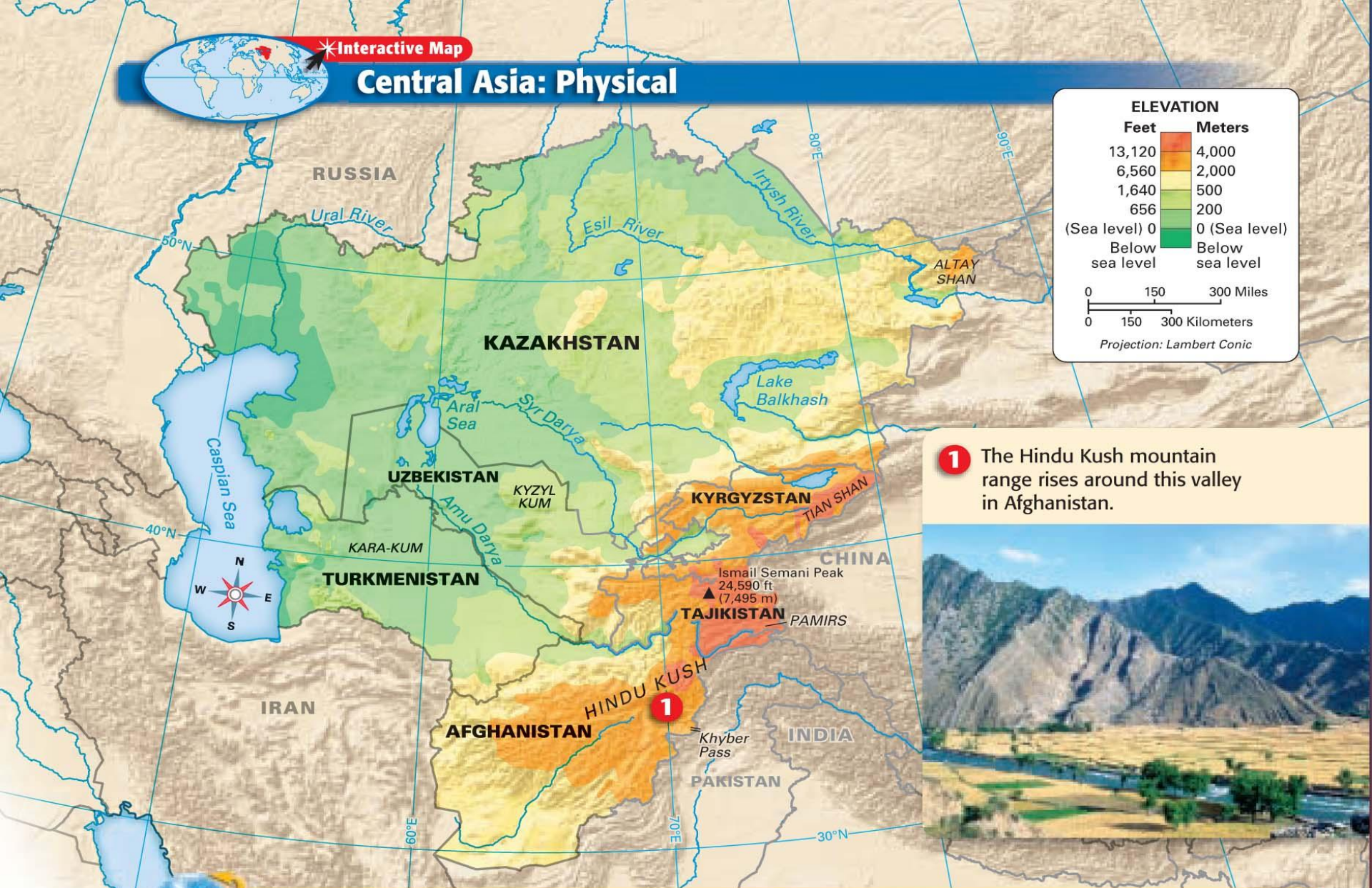
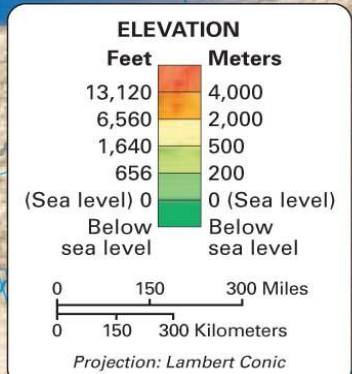
**(Countries-> Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan)**

**-Central Asia, a dry, rugged, landlocked region, has oil and other valuable mineral resources.**



Interactive Map

## Central Asia: Physical



- 1** The Hindu Kush mountain range rises around this valley in Afghanistan.



**Location** Central Asia is landlocked. No country in the region has direct access to the ocean.

- 1. Locate** Where are the mountains located?
- 2. Analyze** How do you think the region's location and physical features have affected it over the years?

# Physical Features

- mountains

- All of the countries in this region are landlocked, or completely surrounded by land with no direct access to the ocean.

(compound word landlocked)

## **Climate**

**-Central Asia has a harsh, dry climate that makes it difficult for vegetation to grow.**

## **Natural Resources**

- 1. water**
- 2.oil**
- 3. natural gas**
- 4.minerals**



**Read Aloud**

**Textbook p114 to 117 or Reader p34-35  
or just **Natural Resources****

**Task->Think, Pair, Share before  
reading text using worksheet. After  
reading students find examples in the  
text alone, then with a partner.**

**Independent Practice->**

**Aim 4: What physical features, climates, vegetation and Natural Resources are found in the Middle East?**

**HW: Complete a rough draft of your writing assignment on loose leaf.**

**Do Now: Share out definitions of physical features, climate, vegetation and Natural Resources using worksheet.**

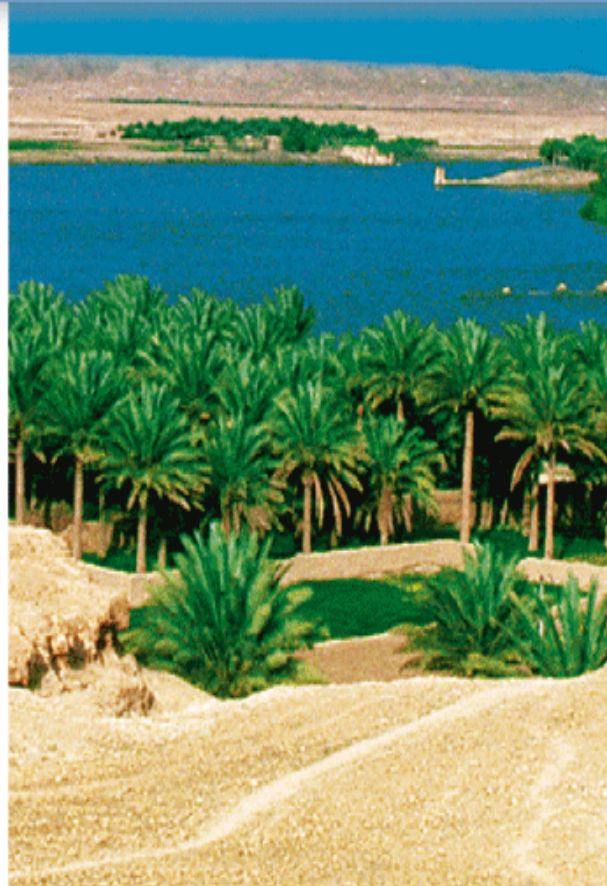
# Visual Summary

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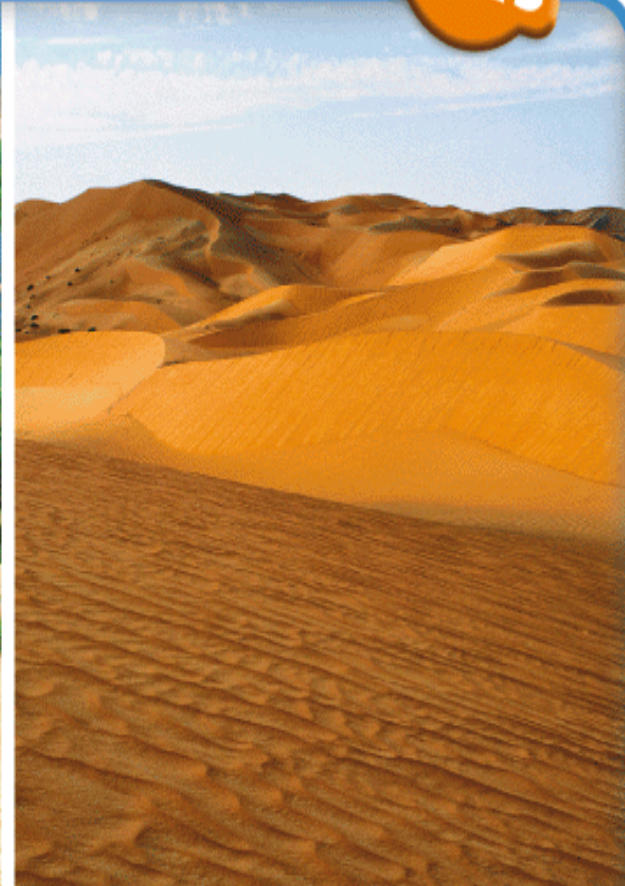
**QUICK  
FACTS**



Rugged mountains cover parts of the Middle East, but plains are more common in the region.



Only a few rivers cross the dry landscapes of the Middle East. Water is scarce through much of the region.



The Middle East is mostly a desert region. Much of the area receives almost no rain.

# **Round Robin Rules**

- 1. Only one person can talk at a time, you can't interrupt them.**
- 2. Go around the circle taking turns until everyone has shared out.**
- 3. If you only have the same ideas as someone else you must say something like, "I had the same idea as \_\_\_\_\_ had."**

**-Use this activity to add new information into your graphic organizer to be used for a writing activity.**



**Independent Work-> Individual writing tasks that are based on your writing goals. Make sure to follow your own directions.**

**Before you begin writing check what your writing goal is for this assignment and make sure it is something you can do.**

**Write your rough draft on loose leaf!**