1. Review SW Asia/Middle East political and physical map features.
2. Why is water scarce in the region? **Majority of land is arid/dry/desert**
3. What is the main climate of Southwest Asia? **Hot and Dry/Arid/Desert**
4. What must farmers use since there is so little water available? **Chemical Fertilizers and Irrigation of water**
5. What are underground aquifers? **Pockets of water trapped by rocks under the ground (used for irrigation)**
6. What is drip irrigation? **Use of computers to insure that only the minimum amount of water is being used for irrigation**
7. What is desalination? **Removing salt from sea water**
8. What products are being used by farmers that now result in water contamination/pollution? **Chemical fertilizers and pesticides**
9. What have rapidly growing cities created? **Water and sanitation issues**
10. What is OPEC? **Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries**
11. How has OPEC become a powerful organization? **Controls the production and supply oil to control the prices**
12. What are the two main resources that are used as a source of income? **Oil and natural gas**
13. Why are major cities located on or near major waterways? **The lack of available water forces people to live along major rivers and the coast**
14. What is subsistence agriculture? **Growing only enough food for you and your family**
15. What is an ethnic group? **Groups based on cultural characteristics such as histories, language, customs and traditions, and religions**
16. What is a religious group? **Groups based on a belief in a god or gods with a specific set of rituals and literature**
17. Who are the Kurds? **Ethnic group living in the mountainous terrain of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria; have a common language but no homeland**
18. What is Judaism? **First monotheistic religion with Abraham as founder and patriarch**
19. Who do Jews recognize as their founder? **Abraham**
20. Who is Moses? **Led the Jews out of slavery in Egypt (the Exodus); received the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai; parted the Red Sea**
21. What is the Jewish Diaspora? **Scattering of Jews throughout the world**
22. What is Christianity? **Religion that sees Jesus as the messiah (savior) of the Old Testament prophecies**
23. Who is Jesus? **Founder of Christianity and considered the messiah by Christians**
24. What were Jesus' followers called? **Disciples**
25. Why was Jesus crucified? **Because the Jews did not consider him the Messiah and accused him of blasphemy**
26. Which Roman emperor officially recognized Christianity as a religion? **Constantine**
27. What is Islam? **Religion that sees Muhammad as God’s final prophet**
28. Who was Muhammad? **Founder of Islam**
29. What are the five pillars of Islam? **What Muslims must complete as followers of Islam. One god Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet; prayer 5X a day facing Mecca; charity (alms 2.5%) for the poor; fasting during the holy month of Ramadan; pilgrimage (hajj) to Mecca at least once in a lifetime**
30. Why did the Muslims split? **Disagreement over who should lead the Muslim community after Muhammad’s death**
31. What do the Sunni Muslims believe? **The next leader of Islam (caliph) should be whoever could lead the Muslim community best**
32. What do the Shia Muslims believe? **The next leader of Islam should be a direct descendant of Muhammad**
33. What is the Koran (Quran)? **The religious text of Islam**
34. What is the Torah? **The religious text of Judaism**
35. What is literacy? **The ability to read and write**
36. What is Gross Domestic Product? **The total amount of all the goods and services produced within a country in a given year**
37. How does literacy affect Standard of Living? **The higher the literacy rate the higher the standard of living; the lower the literacy rate, the lower the standard of living (better education and training yields higher GDP and standards of living)**
38. What are the main economic activities of Saudi Arabia and Israel? Saudi Arabia—Oil and natural gas; Israel—technology and defense