**1st NINE WEEKS BENCHMARK STUDY GUIDE**

1. What is the difference between a political and physical map?
2. What is the Prime Meridian and how does it relate to direction? Where is it located?
3. What is the Equator and how does it relate to direction? Where is it located?
4. When Lines of Latitude and Longitude intersect each other a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is created.
5. Where are the following countries located on a map:
   1. Afghanistan 4. Israel
   2. Iran 5. Saudi Arabia
   3. Iraq 6. Turkey
6. The belief in **ONE** God is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. **JUDAISM**:
   1. Originated with a small group of people known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. Jews call the first five books of the Bible the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and believe

that Moses received the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God on Mt. Sinai.

* 1. People who believe in Judaism are known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Their promised land was known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is known as

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today.

* 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the oldest religion.
  2. What is the Jews belief about the Messiah?

1. **ISLAM**:
   1. Holy Book of worship is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. List the Five Pillars of Islam



**Islam, Continued…**

* 1. Believed that Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and not the Messiah.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the founder of Islam.
  3. People who believe in Islam are known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the fastest growing religion.
  5. What is the basic difference between Sunni and Shi’ite Muslims?

1. **Christianity:**
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ teachings formed the basis of Christianity.
   2. A Christian’s holy book of worship is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. People who believe in Christianity are known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the largest religion in the world today.
   5. Christian’s believe in both the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ found in the Bible.
   6. In Christianity, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is seen as the Messiah.
2. What is the difference between ethnic and religious groups?
3. What natural resource is most lacking in Southwest Asia?
4. How has the building of dams created problems for sharing rivers in Southwest Asia?
5. How has the use of chemical fertilizers affected water supplies in many countries in Southwest Asia?
6. How has the geography of Southwest Asia affected the people who live there?
7. What is a trade barrier? How do these barriers have an effect on the geography of Southwest Asia?
8. List two examples of natural trade barriers found in Southwest Asia.
9. What is OPEC?
10. What affect does OPEC have on the world oil prices?

19. What percent of the world’s oil reserve is found in the Middle East?

20. What is Literacy Rate?

21. Explain how literacy rate has an effect on the standard of living and a country’s cultural development.

22. The Ottoman Empire used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help conquer

Constantinople and other various countries and cities between 1300 – 1699.

23. When did the Ottoman Empire to finally come to an end?

24. What happened to the Ottoman Empire’s land after World War I?

25. The discovery and sale of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has drastically helped the economy and standard

of living for many Southwest Asian countries.

26. Most of the people who live in Southwest Asia are considered to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and Muslims.

27. Southwest Asia is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

28. Why is the Suez Canal important and what bodies of water does it connect?

29. What is the main cause behind the struggles between Israel and the Arab world?