

Exploring the Clickable Map of Southwest Asia

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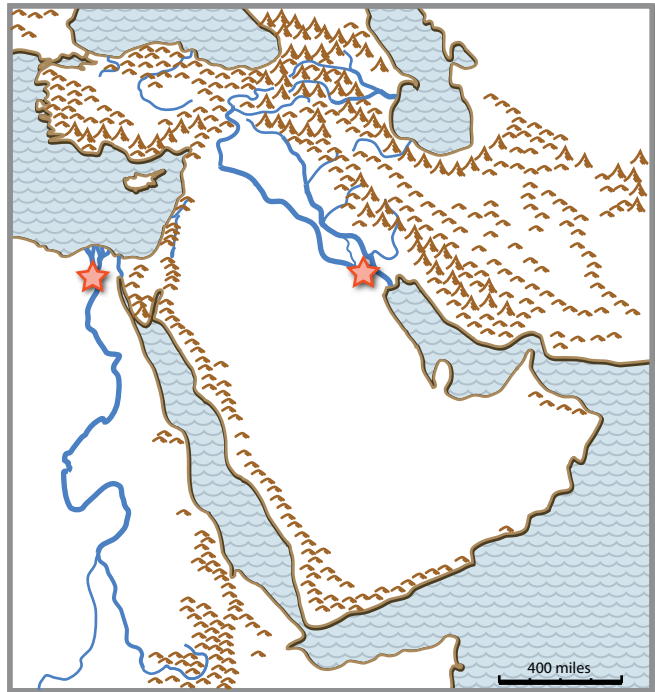
This will open a list of data layers.

- ◆ Click any button to make that data layer **visible**. The button will turn darker.
- ◆ Click on a darkened button to make that layer **invisible**.
- ◆ Click "Clear Map" to reset the map to the way it was when you opened the file.

If you are using a printable .pdf file:

Click on the icon that looks like a short stack of pages. 

- ◆ Clicking on an empty box will make that data layer **visible**.
- ◆ Clicking on a checked box will make that layer **invisible**.



1. Click the blue buttons to show **rivers** and **rain**. Put an X by the more accurate statement:
___ More precipitation (rain and snow) tends to fall in mountainous areas.
___ More precipitation tends to fall on the lower land near the major rivers.
2. **Deserts** tend to form near the Tropic lines. Click to turn on the country borders, country names, and the Tropic of Cancer. Circle two countries that are located at the latitude of the Tropic of Cancer and therefore likely to be mainly desert:
Egypt Ethiopia Saudi Arabia Syria Turkey Yemen
3. Click "Clear Map" to start with a clean map. Click to show the **cities** at different times. Sometime around 300 BCE, people seemed to change their mind about where to build cities. In older times, they built most of their cities near rivers. Click to investigate, and write a generalization about the location of cities that were more important around 100 BCE.
4. Click "Clear Map" to minimize clutter for the next investigation. Southwest Asia has the largest reserves of petroleum in the world. Circle the two countries that do not (NOT) seem to have much petroleum to sell:
Iraq Israel Lebanon Saudi Arabia Syria Yemen
5. Circle the country where Muslims are nearly all **Sunni**: Egypt Iran Saudi Arabia Turkey Yemen
6. Circle the country that has the most **Shi'ite** Muslims: Egypt Iran Saudi Arabia Turkey Yemen
7. Circle the country that has roughly equal numbers of Shi'a and Sunni Muslims:
Egypt Iran Saudi Arabia Turkey Yemen
8. Name three countries where the largest numbers of Kurds live.

Southwest Asia Clickable Map Investigation

Turn individual layers of the clickable map on and off in order to investigate the relationships between things like mountains, rainfall, rivers, ancient cities, trade routes, population groups, oil deposits, and modern country borders in Southwest Asia.

Write a paragraph that contains a topic sentence and at least four supporting statements to summarize your investigation. Each generalization should describe the map pattern of one thing and/or note possible causal relationships between two or more things (which often are on different data layers in the clickable map).

Sample generalization: "Several long rivers start in rainy mountains and then flow through deserts before they reach sea level."