NASWA STUDY GUIDE

1. Know it--North Africa/Southwest Asia is also known as the Middle East.

2. Be able to locate on a map—

Political features: Mecca/ Saudi Arabia, Jerusalem. Israel/ Tehran/ Iran, Beirut/ Lebanon, Baghdad/ Iraq, Cairo/ Egypt, Libya, Afghanistan, Turkey, Syria, Qatar, Tunisia
Physical features: The Nile River, The Tigris River, The Euphrates River, The Mediterranean Sea, The Arabian Sea, The Persian Gulf, The Indian Ocean, The Sahara Desert, Red Sea

3. What physical feature kept North Africa culturally isolated from Sub-Saharan Africa?

4. What physical feature helped cultural contact between North Africa and Southwest Asia?

5. Define: Cultural diffusion.

6. Describe how being the center of trade for three continents made cultural diffusion happen in NASWA.

7. What is the major climate in NASWA?

8. What is the most important resource, by far, in NA/SWA?

9. How are farmers on the Arabian peninsula trying to be more like Western farmers?

10. Define: Irrigation

11. How did the Tuareg adapt to the Sahara?

12. What has this adaptation done for the Tuareg?

13. What do we call it when humans and their environment have an impact on each other?

14. What ancient cultural hearths existed in NA/SWA?

15. What are features of cultural hearths (what do they have that other groups of people, who were not a part of a cultural hearth, not have)?

16. What happened in 1650 and lasted until WW1 in this region?

17. Why are the Palestinians so mad at the Israelis?

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19. What countries have experienced pro-democracy protests?

20. Have the pro-democracy protestors been successful?

21. What is significant about Jerusalem?

22. What is the difference between an absolute monarchy and a symbolic monarchy?

23. The monarchies in NASWA are what kind?

24. What is OPEC?

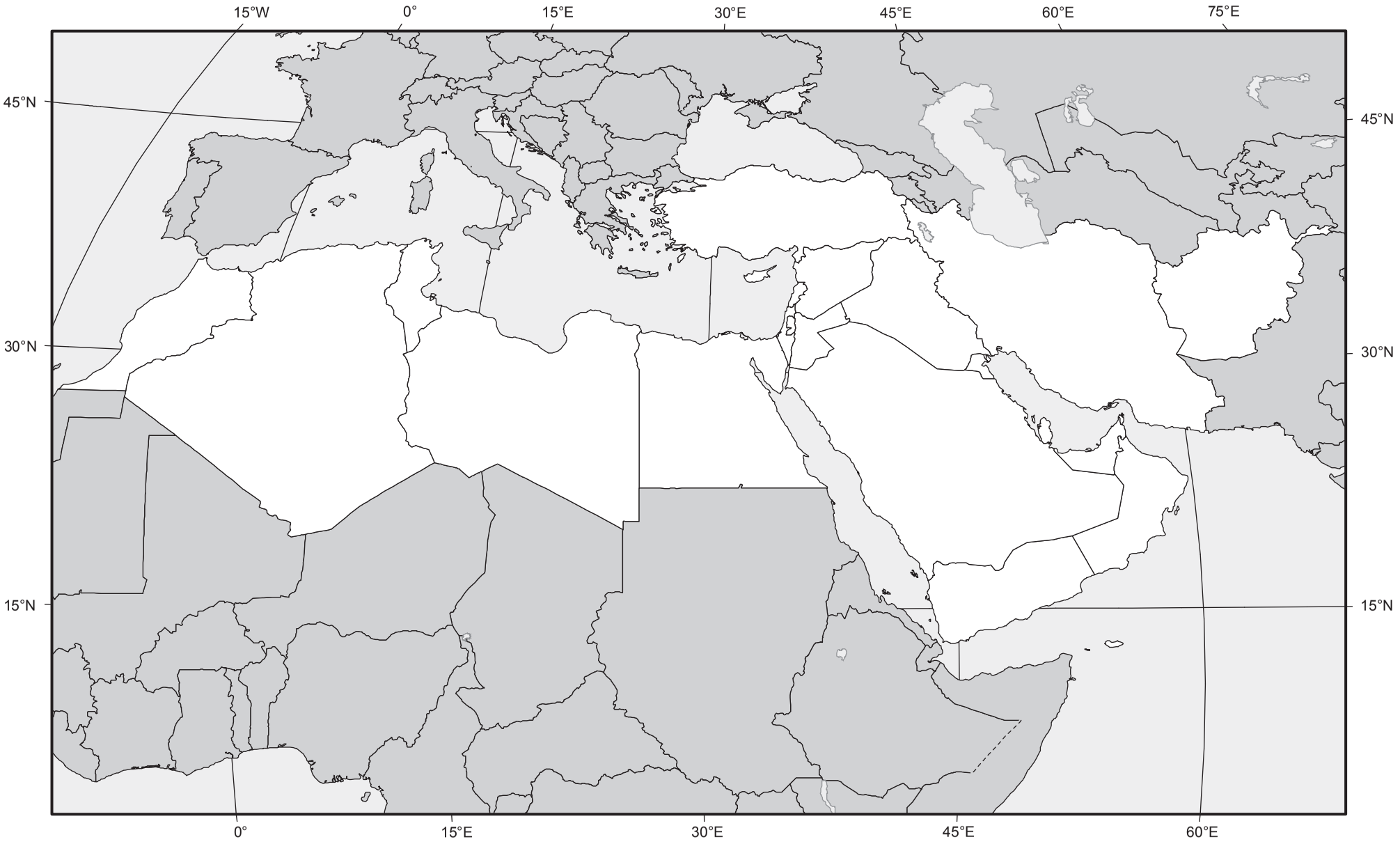
25. Define: Diversify

26. How has the massive amount of petroleum located in the Persian Gulf affected people's lives?

27. If your country is really poor in NA/SWA, what has probably recently happened?

28. What happens during a drought to a) the environment b) the animals c) people?

Southwest Asia / North Africa



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