

Middle East

World Studies

Summary

- Characteristics of the Middle East today
- Middle East Territory
- The Greater Middle East Territory

Characteristics of the Middle East today

- It's a transcontinental region centered on Western Asia and Egypt.
- Most of the Middle East is located in Asia, but as well in Africa and in Europe.
- It combines almost 20 countries.
- Several major religions have their origins in the Middle East.
- It generally has a hot, arid climate.
- There are several major rivers providing irrigation and in many countries crude oil is extracted.



Middle East Territory

- These are the countries which represent the Middle East.
- But the definition sometimes varies. It depends on the specific topic someone's talking about. (INFORMAL)



-  Bahrain
-  Cyprus
-  Egypt
-  Iran
-  Iraq
-  Israel
-  Jordan
-  Kuwait
-  Lebanon
-  Oman
-  Palestinian territories
-  Qatar
-  Saudi Arabia
-  Syria
-  Turkey^[22]
-  United Arab Emirates
-  Yemen

The Greater Middle East Territory

- The Greater Middle East includes as well Afghanistan and Pakistan in the east.
- In the west it includes Western Sahara, Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Sudan.
- In the south it's additionally Somalia.

Be aware of...

Many people use different terms to describe one or multiple of these countries. But they are all talking about the same... the Middle East or the Greater Middle East. The description of the corresponding countries is just informal!



Students

on a white sheet of paper

- draw a map of the following locations including major physical features:

Black Sea

Persian Gulf

Mediterranean Sea

Red Sea

Arabian Sea

Indian Ocean

Caspian Sea

 Bahrain

 Cyprus

 Egypt

 Iran

 Iraq

 Israel

 Jordan

 Kuwait

 Lebanon

 Oman

 Palestinian territories

 Qatar

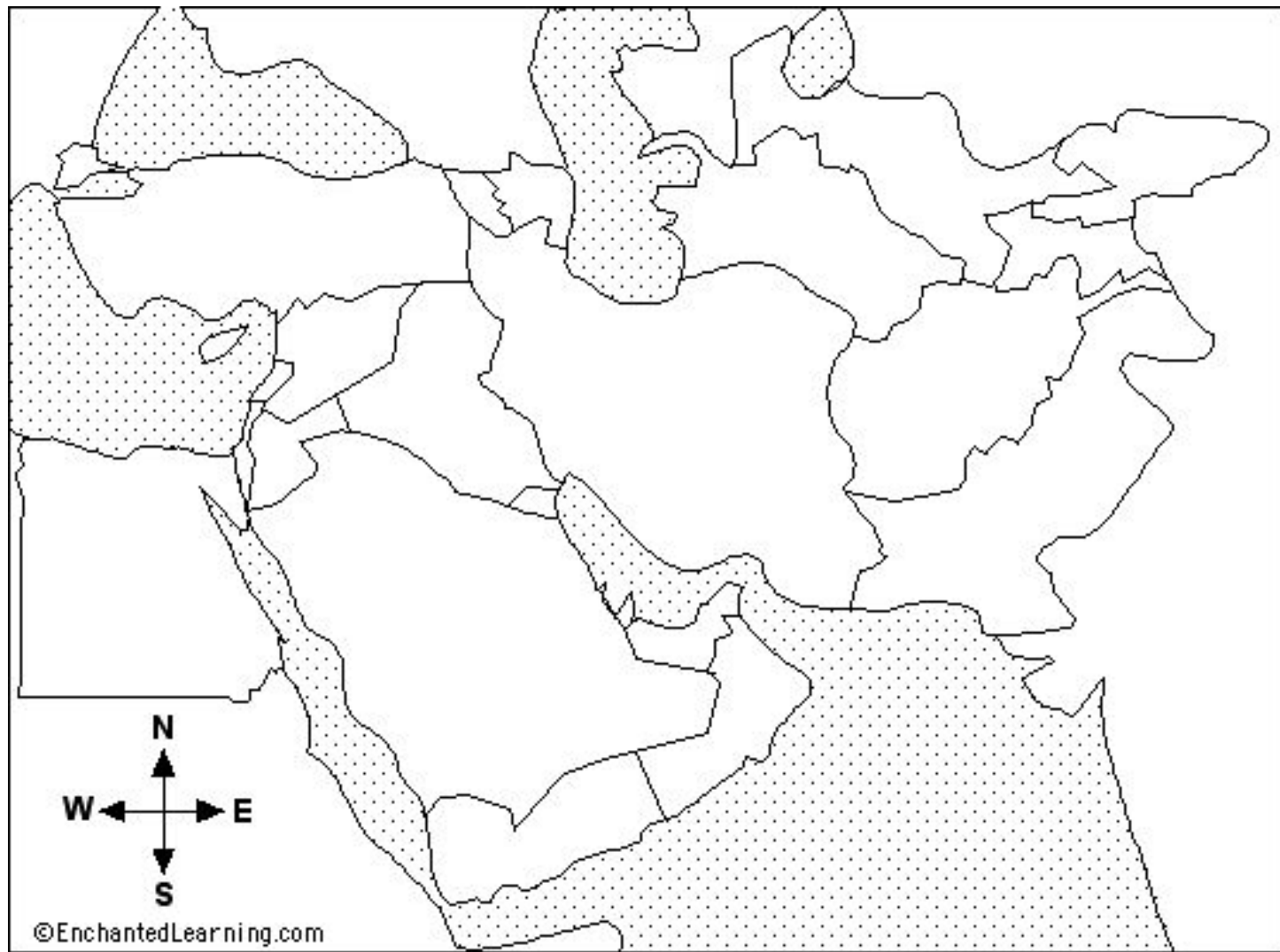
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