**Study Guide:  Middle East**                                        Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Be able to label the following places on a map.

A.    Turkey

B.    Saudi Arabia

C.    Persian Gulf

D.   Mediterranean Sea

E.    Indian Ocean

F.    Iraq

G.   Iran

H.   Israel

I.      Red Sea

J.     Suez Canal

K.   Strait of Hormuz

L.    Nile River

M.  Jordan River

N.   Tigris River

1. Which continents are included in the Middle East?
2. What is the Sahara and where can it be found?
3. What is the Sahel and where can it be found?
4. Why is desertification a problem in the Sahel?
5. Which city straddles the Bosporus Strait?
6. Which three Turkish-controlled bodies of water much you pass through to sail from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean Sea?
7. Which mountains can be found in western Iran along the border with Iraq?
8. In which countries can you find the ethnic region of Kurdistan?
9. Which mountains in Turkey are the source of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers?
10. Why are the dams in Turkey so controversial?  Who is angered by them?
11. What is a river *delta*?
12. Which city developed at the confluence site of the Blue Nile and the White Nile?
13. Where is Mesopotamia?
14. List two benefits of the Aswan High Dam.
15. List two disadvantages of the Aswan High Dam.
16. What is the most popular language in the Middle East?
17. What is the most popular religion in the Middle East?
18. List the three religions that consider Jerusalem to be a holy city; also list a holy site of each religion found in Jerusalem.
19. List two other names for the area that we call *Israel*.
20. List four countries in the Middle East that have high per capita GDPs because of their oil reserves.
21. Most jobs in the Middle East are in the primary sector.  List three of these jobs.
22. Why is farming difficult in the Middle East?
23. Over 2/3 of the Middle East is arid.  What does this mean?
24. Do most Middle Eastern countries have diversified economies?  Explain why or why not.
25. Why are most Middle Eastern countries developing despite the fact that some have high per capita GDPs?
26. What is the only Middle Eastern country that is developed, despite its lack of oil?
27. Where is the Suez Canal and which bodies of water does it connect?
28. Which bodies of water does the Strait of Hormuz connect?
29. What is OPEC?  Which non-Middle Eastern countries belong to it?
30. Where did the religion of Islam originate?
31. Why does the Middle East have a high percentage of its population under the age of 15?
32. Which 3 countries in the Middle East do NOT speak Arabic?
33. What is the capital of Iraq?
34. What is the capital of Iran?
35. What is the capital of Egypt?
36. What is a minaret?
37. What is the Hagia Sophia and where is it located?