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|  | **ARABS** | **PERSIANS** | **KURDS** |
| **What language do they speak?** | **Most Arabs, whether they are Muslim or Christian, speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** | **Persians speak a language called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(or Persian).****It is one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ languages that is still spoken today!** | **Kurdish is an Indo-European language related to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Persian) and other Iranian languages.** **There are many different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Kurdish spoken throughout Southwest Asia.** |
| **Where do they live?** | **Arabs comprise most of the population of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.****Arabs also live in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Canada, parts of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Europe.** | **Persians are those who live in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ country of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But also in parts of Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan****They make up about half of Iran’s current population.****The country of Persia became known as Iran in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.****There is written evidence (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) that was found in Iran that proves that “Persia” was the name of this area since its beginning.** | **The Kurds are an ethnic group that live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Syria, Iraq, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** **Kurds form almost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the population of Turkey and Iraq.****Many Kurds live in an area of northern Iraq called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not a separate country).****They are the largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group in the world without a country of their own.** |
| **What is the dominant religion or subdivisions in the ethnic group?** | **Most Arabs practice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.****Small numbers of Arabs practice other religions.****Not all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are Muslims, and not all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are Arabs.** **Islam consists mostly of two different groups. The majority of Muslims practice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Islam.** **Most others practice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Islam.****Sunnis and Shi’a disagree about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Muslim world.** | **Most Persians in Iran practice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Islam,**  | **Like the Arabs, the Kurds are overwhelmingly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the great majority are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** **Kurdish Muslims tend to be less strict about certain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practices.** |
| **What are the other religions or subdivision found in the ethnic group?** | **Some Arabs are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** | **Yet some are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Islam.** | **Only 5% are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**  |
| **What is their ancestry?** | **Arabs of Southwest Asia believe themselves to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through his son \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** **Arabs make up the majority of the people who live throughout the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** | **The Persians lived in Iran before the arrival of Islam in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ century.****The Persians’ ancestors were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who migrated from central Europe and Southern Russia and formed a great empire.** | **Kurds of Southwest Asia believe themselves to be descendants of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an ancient Iranian people.****In fact, Kurds share many aspects of their culture with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** |