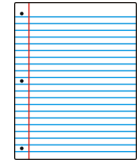


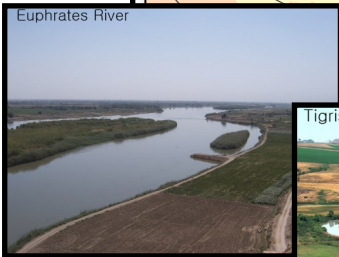
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## The Euphrates & Tigris Rivers

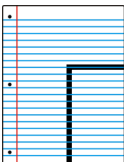


## Euphrates & Tigris Rivers

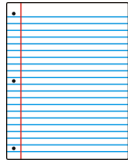
- Both rivers begin in Turkey and flow south through Iraq.
- In southern Iraq, the Euphrates River joins with the Tigris River to form one waterway called the Shaat al-Arab.
- It then flows along the border between Kuwait and Iran and empties into the Persian Gulf.
- The rivers provide water for both drinking and farming.
- The countries that share these rivers have had problems over how the water should be shared.

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- 1) Where do both rivers start and end? (Look for key words "begin" and "empties".)
- 2) Name 2 countries where you could find these rivers.
- 3) What do these rivers provide? Why is it important?
- 4) Is the river equally-shared by the countries around it? Explain.



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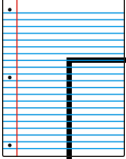


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**Persian Gulf**

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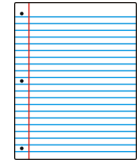
- This is located between the country of Iran and the Arabian Peninsula.
- It is one of the main ways oil is shipped from the rich fields of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and other countries that line its shores.
  - All the countries that produce oil in that region depend on the Persian Gulf as a shipping route.



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- 1) Where, specifically, is this feature located? (Use words like “between” and “to the west of”.)
- 2) What natural resource is abundant (plentiful) there?
- 3) Why is the Persian Gulf important to the Middle East?

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## Strait of Hormuz

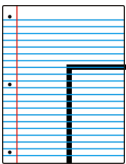


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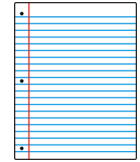
- It is located at one end of the Persian Gulf.
- It connects the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea.
- It is very important because any ships coming out of or into the Persian Gulf must navigate through this very narrow waterway.

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- 1) Which two (2) features are connected by the Strait of Hormuz?
- 2) What country is north of the Strait of Hormuz?
- 3) Why is Strait of Hormuz important to the Middle East?
- 4) What does "very narrow waterway" mean? (In your own words.)



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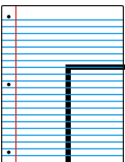
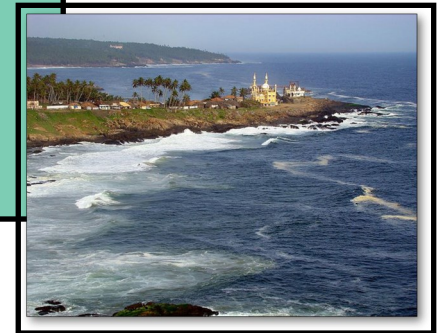


### Arabian Sea



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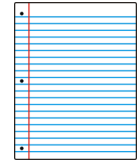
- This is located north of the Indian Ocean.
- It forms part of a key shipping route between Europe and India through the Suez Canal.



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- 1) Where, specifically, is this feature located?
- 2) Why is the Arabian Sea important?
- 3) What ocean surrounds the Arabian Sea?
- 4) Name 2 countries that border the Arabian Sea.

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### Red Sea



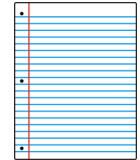
### Red Sea

- This is an inlet of the Indian Ocean that lies between Africa and Asia.
- Because of its location between Europe, Persian Gulf, and East Asia, heavy shipping traffic takes place here.
  - During the Roman Empire, it was an important route for trade between Rome and China.
  - During the Middle Ages, it was a key part of the Spice Trade.

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- 1) Where, specifically, can you find this feature?
- 2) Why is the Red Sea important today?
- 3) Why was the Red Sea important during the ancient Roman Empire?
- 4) Between which 2 continents can you find the Red Sea?

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### Suez Canal



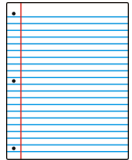
## Suez Canal

- This is a 120-mile man-made waterway that is used to transport goods to and from all three continents.
- The French started building it, but it was completed by the British in 1869.
- It connects the Red Sea with the Mediterranean Sea.
- At the northern end of the Red Sea, ships can enter the canal and can get to the Mediterranean Sea without having to sail all around the continent of Africa.

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- 1) What year was the Suez Canal completed?
- 2) What is a "man-made waterway"? (Don't overthink this one. What does "man-made" mean?)
- 3) What does this feature "connect"?
- 4) Why is this feature important to trade?

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## Jordan River



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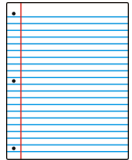
- The Jordan River begins at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee & flows south until it reaches the Dead Sea.
- This river is a main source of water for Israel, Jordan, parts of Syria, & many of those living in the West Bank & the Gaza Strip.
- The Jordan River is also important because it is the political boundary between Israel, the West Bank, & Jordan.



Use the given maps, photographs, and text information above to answer these questions on your notebook paper. Write your answers in complete sentences, restating the question in your response.

- 1) The Jordan River begins at the Sea of \_\_\_\_\_ and ends at the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea.
- 2) Which countries and territories rely on the water from this river?
- 3) In addition to being a physical feature, this river is also a \_\_\_\_\_ boundary between \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

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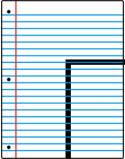


## Gaza Strip



## Gaza Strip

- It is located along the southeastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea.
- The Gaza Strip is a rectangular territory that is about 25 miles long and 4 to 5 miles wide.
  - It's one of the world's most densely populated areas.
- The Gaza Strip is often politically unstable and there have been many outbreaks of violence over the last 60 years.

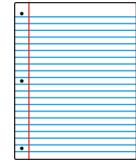
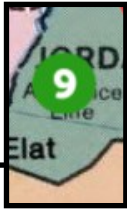


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- 1) Where, specifically, is it located?
- 2) The Gaza Strip is actually located inside of what country?
- 3) Describe the territory's size and population.
- 4) What has happened over the past 60 years in the Gaza Strip?



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### West Bank

## West Bank

- The territory of the West Bank is also located within Israel.
- It the area was created by the United Nations for the Palestinian Arabs.
- Since the 1960s, Israelis began to invade and occupy the West Bank. More Jewish settlers have moved into the area. This has led to violent conflicts between the two groups.



Use the given maps, photographs, and text information above to answer these questions on your notebook paper. Write your answers in complete sentences, restating the question in your response.

- 1) Inside which country will you find this territory?
- 2) For whom did the United Nations create the West Bank?
- 3) What has happened in the territory over the last 60 years?
- 4) "This has led to violent conflicts between the two groups." Who are these "two groups"?