**Chapter 24 Guided Reading Questions: Oil in Southwest Asia: How “Black Gold” has Shaped a Region**

1. How was life different in the US 50 years ago?
2. How has the change in Southwest Asia compared to change in the US?
3. How has oil impacted Dubai?
4. Define nomads.
5. Which region has the world’s largest known oil reserves?
6. What other valued commodity exists in SW Asia?
7. What do country’s use the oil money for?
8. What does it mean when SW Asia is referred to as a crossroads?
9. What is most of the climate like in SW Asia?
10. Define developed country.
11. How do power plants create electricity?
12. Define non-renewable resource and give an example.
13. Define renewable resource and give an example.
14. What ethnicity are most people in SW Asia?
15. What other ethnic groups exist?
16. What is the most common religion in SW Asia?
17. Why did oil form in SW Asia?
18. How is oil distributed throughout the world and SW Asia?
19. How many millions of barrels of oil does Iraq have in its known reserves?
20. Which country has the most known oil reserves?
21. How has life expectancy changed because of the oil?
22. How has the infant mortality rate been affected by oil in SW Asia?
23. Define gross domestic products.
24. What does per capita mean?
25. Which countries in SW Asia have the highest per capita GDP?
26. What is HDI?
27. Which country in SW Asia has the highest HDI?
28. How has oil wealth effected common people in Iraq?
29. Why did Iraq invade Kuwait in 1991?
30. What is OPEC? What is its purpose?
31. In 2009 how many countries were members of OPEC?
32. What two realities limit OPECs impact?
33. How did the US respond when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait?

**Chapter 26 Guided Reading Questions: The Aral Sea: Central Asia’s Shrinking Water Source**

1. What is the Aral Sea?
2. How has Moynaq changed since 1960?
3. What has caused these changes?
4. How far is Moynaq from the Aral Sea now?
5. Define water stress.
6. How does the shrinking sea affect water stress?
7. Define environmental degradation.
8. What is the difference between a sea and a lake?
9. Define potable.
10. What determines whether or not something is called saltwater or fresh water?
11. Define saline.
12. Define salinization.
13. Define groundwater.
14. How does salinization affect groundwater?
15. What can cause ground water to have a higher salt content?
16. What percent of its original size is the Aral Sea?
17. Why did the government choose to grow cotton around the Aral Sea?
18. How did the government provide water to the cotton farms?
19. How did they increase production of the cotton?
20. What was one unplanned effect of the dams?
21. How did the rivers increase the saltiness of the soil?
22. Define fishery.
23. How much fish did the Moynaq fisheries produce each year until around 1980?
24. How many jobs were created by the fisheries?
25. When did commercial fishing end in the Aral Sea?
26. Why did commercial fishing end in the Aral Sea?
27. How many people still live in Moynaq?
28. Define black blizzards.
29. Why is water from rivers unsafe for people around the Aral Sea?
30. What type of health problems are common around the Aral Sea?
31. How does poverty affect these problems?
32. How can people improve the Aral Sea area?
33. How expensive will this be?
34. What other parts of the world have had similar experiences?