Chapter 17 Study Guide
The Persian Gulf

The Middle East is the birthplace of the post-Flood world.
The 3 major monotheistic religions, which are ________________, ________________, and ________________, began in the Middle East.

The Persian Gulf is the center of ________________ and ________________ in the Middle East. The discovery of ________________ put the Persian Gulf back at the center of world politics.

I. Saudi Arabia

**Saudi Arabia:** Capital is ________________

What are the three things that make Saudi Arabia the most influential country in the Middle East?
1.
2.
3.

What is the name of the peninsula that Saudi Arabia is on?

What major physical feature is Saudi Arabia missing?

Name the two holiest centers of Islam in Saudi Arabia?
1.
2.

**Islam:** – Islam is one of the world’s ________________ religions.

Muhammad (the founder) was born in ________________.

Who visited Muhammad in a cave? ________________

What are the collections of messages given to Muhammad by Allah called? ________________

List the line of prophets that Muhammad is the last of – there are 4. ________________

How many years after Muhammad’s death did they continue to write in the above? ________________

What are the collected saying of Muhammad called? ________________

What does Islam reject about God?

Who do they believe is unable to intercede with Allah ________________ and who is able to intercede with Allah ________________?

How does one receive salvation from Allah? ________________

How many pillars describe the religious practices of Muslims? ________________

What are the pillars? ________________

Describe Jihad

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How should a Christian engage a Muslim?

Describe the Rub al Khali:

Why is it called the Empty Quarter?

Who was Ibn-Saud and how does his family continue to rule the tribes of Saudi Arabia?

Who are the Wahhabi?

When was oil discovered in Saudi Arabia and how much is produced daily?

Who are the Bedouins and how do they live?

II. Small States on the Arabian Peninsula

**Yemen:** Capital is ____________________________

What do most of the people of Yemen do for a living?

What are Yemen’s main cash crops?

What famous person in the Bible was said to be from Yemen?

What is a wadi?

**Sultanate of Oman:** Capital is ____________________________

What daytime temperature is often reached in Oman?

What is a sultan?

Why is Oman trying to diversify their economy?

What is Dhofar known for?

What strait does Oman have control of?

**United Arab Emirates:** Capital is ____________________________

Who was the protectorate of various countries in the Gulf?

United Arab Emirates is made of up of how many small Trucial States?
Why are they called Trucial States?

What are the princes of each state called?

What has led to the UAE being the richest country in the Persian Gulf?

**Qatar:** Capital is ____________________________

What percent of the population are immigrants?

What is desalination and why do the people of Qatar use this method?

What is the state religion?

**Bahrain:** Capital is ____________________________

What is the leader of the emirate of Bahrain called?

What are the leading industries of Bahrain?

What rare commodity does Bahrain have?

**Kuwait:** Capital is ____________________________

When was Kuwait settled?

What is OPEC and why was it established?

What sparked the Persian Gulf War?

What is the state religion?

What is the difference between the Sunni and Shi’ites? (You can use the internet)
III. Iraq

**Iraq**: Capital is ________________________________

What two rivers flow in Iraq allowing irrigation and hydroelectric projects?

What is the area between these rivers called?

Name three civilizations that once established settlements in this region:

1. 
2. 
3. 

How many miles of coastline does Iraq have?

What is the name of the former dictator of Iraq?

What percent of the land is arable?

Who are the Kurds?

Where is the Sunni Triangle and what is it known for?

What percent of Iraqis live in the alluvial plain?

The two great rivers of Iraq join to form the ________________________.

IV. Iran

**Iran**: Capital is ________________________________

Iran is the __________________ largest country in the Persian Gulf.

Unlike the Arabs of Iraq, Iranians are of what heritage?

What is the name of the mountain range that runs along the northern border of Iran?

What is the official language?

What is the religion that the persecuted minority still practice in the cities of Kerman and Yazd and what do they do to their dead?

What percent of Iranians are Shiite?

What percent are Sunnis?

Who started Bahaism and what do they believe?