5 Themes Application:

Middle East & North Africa

Location

Which is the definition of Location?

Where it is

What it is like

What places have in common

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Circle The Middle East

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Circle North Africa

Location

- Africa and Asia
- The Middle East is a geographical and cultural region located primarily in western Asia, but also in parts of northern Africa and southeastern Europe. The western border of the Middle East is defined by the Mediterranean Sea, where Israel, Lebanon, and Syria rest opposite from Greece and Italy in Europe.
- Bordered by Asia to the east, Europe to the northwest, Africa to the southwest, and the Mediterranean Sea to the west.

Place

What is the definition of Place?

Where it is

What it is like

What places have in common

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Place

Physical Characteristics

- Middle East has about 3.5 million square miles
- Climate
  - Primarily Steppe (Semi-Arid) & Desert (Arid)
- Sahara & Rub'al Khali Deserts
- Anatolia, Sinai, & Arabian Peninsulas
- Nile, Tigris, & Euphrates Rivers
- Hindu Kush, Zagros, Hejaz, Atlas Mountains
- Rich in natural resources such as oil

https://www.everyculture.com/Africa-Middle-East/Introduction-to-the-Middle-East-Physical-and-Human-Geography.html

Human Characteristics

- Population of approx. 381 million people
- Languages: Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, Persian (Farsi), Kurdish, Berber, and many other minor languages
- Religion: Primarily Islam (91.2% of population is Muslim, meaning 315 million people or about 23% of the world's Muslim population)

Region

What is the definition of Region?

What it is like

How people interact

What places have in common

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How many regions can you associate with the Middle East?

Students, write your response!

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How many regions can you associate with North Africa?

Students, write your response!

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Region

- Northern Hemisphere
- Eastern & Western Hemispheres
- Europe/Asia/Africa
- Physical regions - like deserts, mountain ranges, peninsulas, etc.
- Countries

Complete one activity where you name the country:

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Middle-east_Geography.htm

Name two physical features

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Movement

What is the definition of Movement?

Where it is

How people interact with the environment

How people, goods, and ideas travel

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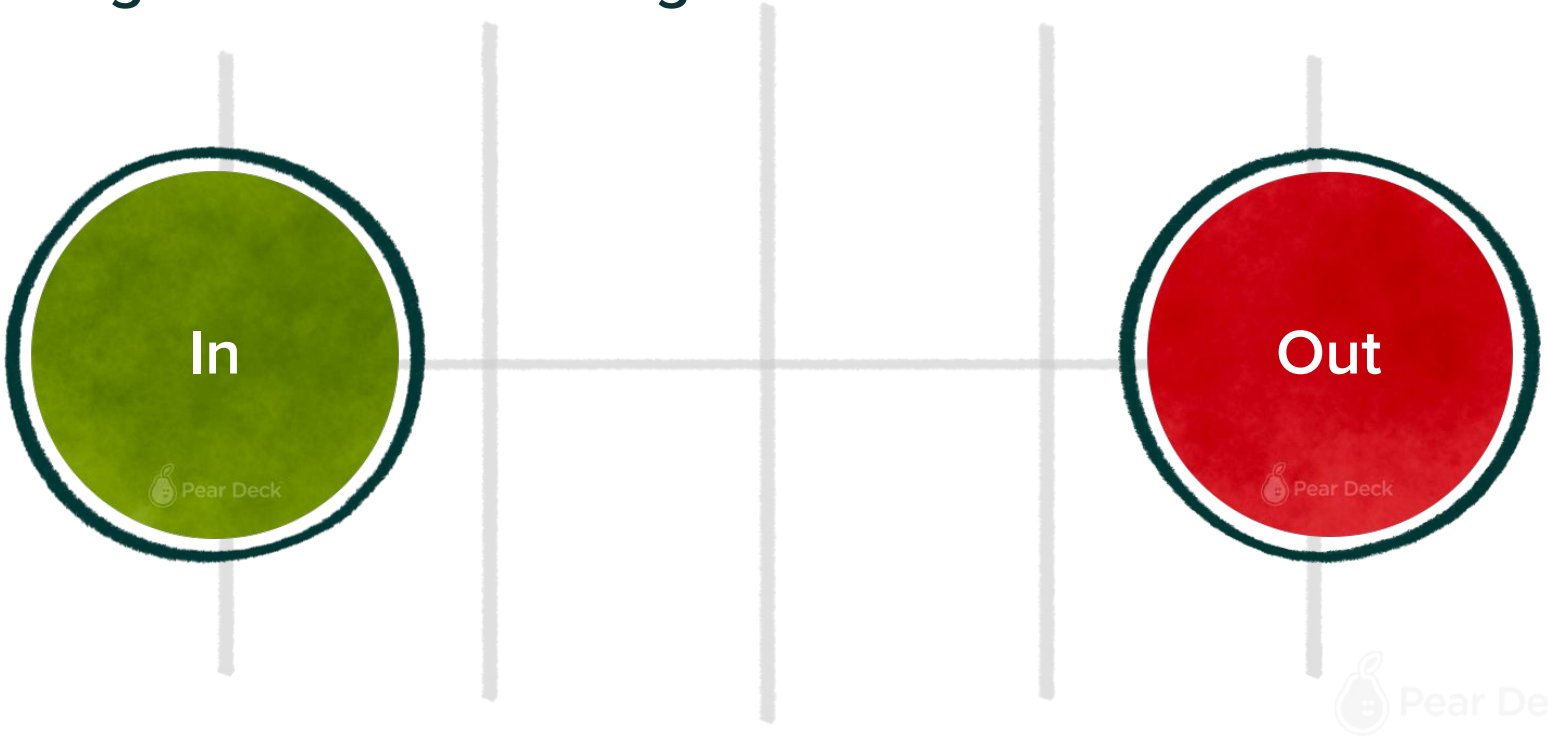
Movement

- Cars
- Public Transportation
- Walking
- Biking
- Airplanes
- Animals

Rivers help with movement, while deserts and mountains are barriers to movement.

***Task**: Find an answer to the following: Are more people moving into or out of the region? Why?*

Drag your dot to indicate whether you more people are moving in or out of the region:



What are some major ideas in the region?

Students, write your response!

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Human Environment Interactions

What is the definition of Human Environment Interactions?

What it is like

How people interact with the environment

How people, goods, and ideas travel

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The Environment Impacts

- Water is scarce in most places, so people have to find ways to preserve it.
- Many natural resources such as oil.
- Deserts and mountains are natural barriers

Humans adapt

- People in the Middle East adapt to their environment by wearing lighter, looser clothes, and building light colored houses. They also base their diets on what is available in their region.
- They modify the environment by adding air conditioning to their homes to make them more comfortable. They also plant crops and trees to provide food and shade for themselves.
- The people of the Middle East depend on the rivers and occasional rain to make crops grow, and rejuvenate the land.
    - Aquifers, desalination, drip irrigation, dams

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How has the discovery of oil impacted the region?

Students, write your response!

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How well do you understand what we just covered?

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