

World Geography FINAL Study Guide

Middle East

Common Characteristics

crossroads, aridity, Arab, conflict, oil

Islamic characteristics

Israel - History, Palestine Mandate, conflicts

Other Countries - Key Characteristics

Darfur

Gulf Oil Geography

Who has the most? When did prices go up?

OPEC, nationalization

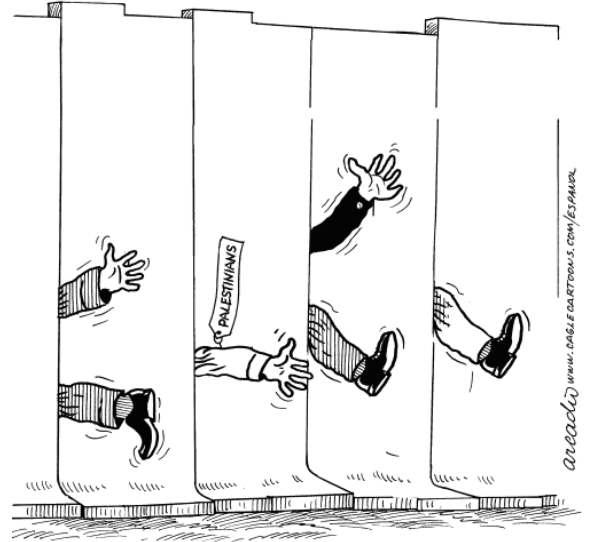
Who did Afghanistan invite into their country in 1979?

Taliban

Suez Canal, nationalization

Who had a fundamentalist revolution in 1979?

qanats



Sub-Saharan Africa

Common Characteristics

Colonies - Berlin Conference of 1884-1885

Problems - water, poverty, transportation, diseases, climate

tse tse fly (nagana & sleeping sickness)

AIDS

desertification

conflict diamonds

Agriculture - pastoral/cattle

Sahara & Sahel, desertification

Southern Africa - other white settlement area, conflict

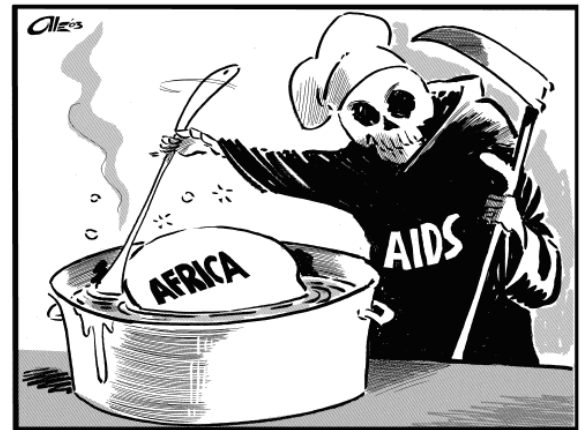
South Africa - apartheid, Boers, Afrikaners

East Africa - savanna, Kenya

Rwanda – ethnic conflict

Equatorial Africa - civil wars, oil

West Africa - diversity, Liberia, Nigeria



Asia/Orient

Regions - inner highland, river plains, and islands (physiographic regions)

Monsoon - what is it & which way does it blow by season

Big cities - but still greater rural population

Economies - type, quality

Agriculture

Intensive subsistence (humid=rice, arid=wheat)

Shifting agriculture - does it work?

Plantation agriculture - major crops, (Malaysia & Indonesia)

South Asia/Indian Sub-Continent

Poverty
diversity – services & manufacturing
Colony of ? before independence
Hindu contrasted with Islam
Kashmir region
Pakistan & Bangladesh

India caste system
outsourcing
ship breaking
Sri Lanka civil war
Nepal - unrest/Maoists
Bhutan

South East Asia

Isolation, geographic & trade
Tropical characteristics (ie: poor soil, leaching, rain etc)
Where are separatist movements?
Vietnam history

Khmer Rouge, Viet Cong
Who has oil & why is so important?
Islam
tsunami

China

History
Regions - arid vs. humid (and major subregions of this split)
Where does everybody live?
Where is the core industrial region? growth? political/agricultural? Separatists?
Economy - many hand-crafted industries but
base industrial shift toward consumer goods
majority of people are still farmers
Three Gorges Dam
Shanghai
Population control measures

Japan

Post war Japan
Why so successful economically?
Kurile Islands

Koreas

N & S - differences
N - Communist
S - Vertical integration

DMZ

Compare economic growth of Japan, South Korea & China

Taiwan- Who lives on Taiwan?

Australia

See handout from Class

