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