

The Geography of the Middle East

1. On the physical map provided, label the following **NEATLY** and **CLEARLY** as directed below: Use the maps on: http://www.interopp.org/interopp/htm/cg_reg_me.htm

A. BODIES OF WATER --> use a **BLUE**-ink pen

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| * Nile River | * Black Sea |
| * Tigris River | * Gulf of Aden |
| * Euphrates River | * Straits of Hormuz |
| * Jordan River | * Suez Canal |
| * Persian Gulf | * Dardanelles Strait |
| * Arabian Sea | * Atlantic Ocean |
| * Mediterranean Sea | * Gulf of Oman |
| * Indian Ocean | * Caspian Sea |
| * Red Sea | * Dead Sea |

B. MOUNTAINS & PLATEAUS --> use a **BLACK**-ink pen

- * Atlas Mountains
- * Elburz Mountains
- * Taurus Mountains
- * Zagros Mountains
- * Iranian Plateau
- * Anatolian Plateau
- * Caucasus Mountains
- * Hejaz Mountains

C. DESERTS --> use a **RED**-ink pen

- * Sahara Desert
- * Arabian Desert
- * Negev Desert
- * Sinai Desert
- * Libyan Desert
- * Rub 'al Khali ["Empty Quarter"]

D. VALLEYS/PLAINS --> use a **GREEN**-ink pen

- * Fertile Crescent

◆ **TERMS TO KNOW:** Middle East Near East oasis Fertile Crescent

2. Answer the following questions based on the reading "The Geography of the Middle East:"
- What is the difference between the terms "Near East" and "Middle East?"
 - Identify the THREE most striking features of the Middle East's geography.
 - How do the deserts and mountains affect the prosperity of the Middle East?
 - How do people make use of the different kinds of land in the Middle East?
 - What types of climate are found in the Middle East? How does climate affect life in that region?
 - How is the Middle East as much a cultural unit as it is a geographic one?