

Waterway Wayfinders

Use location clues to prepare for regional map labeling.

SS7G5.a "Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Euphrates River, Jordan River, Tigris River, Suez Canal, Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Arabian Sea, and Red Sea."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the eight bold map features. Underline nearby words or phrases that tell where each feature belongs on a regional map.

Following Southwest Asia's Waterways

- ① On a regional map, begin at the eastern Mediterranean coast. The **Jordan River** flows south along part of the border between Jordan and Israel and the West Bank, ending in the Dead Sea. Farther southwest, Egypt's **Suez Canal** cuts across the Isthmus of Suez. It links the Mediterranean Sea to the **Red Sea**. The Red Sea lies between northeastern Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, so its long, narrow shape helps you separate those two land areas.
- ② In the north, the **Tigris River** and **Euphrates River** begin in Turkey. They run generally southeast through Southwest Asia. The Euphrates crosses Syria and then Iraq; the Tigris flows mainly through Iraq after leaving Turkey. Near southern Iraq, the two rivers join to form the Shatt al-Arab waterway. This waterway reaches the **Persian Gulf**, which lies south of Iran and east of the Arabian Peninsula. Find the rivers first, then trace their lower courses toward the gulf.
- ③ At the southeastern end of the Persian Gulf, the **Strait of Hormuz** is a narrow passage between Iran and Oman. It links the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman. Beyond that gulf, the water opens into the **Arabian Sea**, which stretches south and east of the Arabian Peninsula. A ship traveling from the Mediterranean toward the Arabian Sea could use the Suez Canal, cross the Red Sea, and continue through the Gulf of Aden on a regional map.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which river should you locate along part of the border between Jordan and Israel and the West Bank?

2 Which canal crosses Egypt and links the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea?

3 Where should you look for the place where the Tigris River and Euphrates River join?

4 What narrow passage links the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman before water opens into the Arabian Sea?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write eight short map-label sentences, one for each bold feature in the passage. In each sentence, name the feature and give one location clue, such as a nearby country, land area, sea, or water connection.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the eight bold map features. Underline nearby words or phrases that tell where each feature belongs on a regional map. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which river should you locate along part of the border between Jordan and Israel and the West Bank?	Jordan River.
2	Which canal crosses Egypt and links the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea?	Suez Canal.
3	Where should you look for the place where the Tigris River and Euphrates River join?	Near southern Iraq, where they form the Shatt al-Arab waterway.
4	What narrow passage links the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman before water opens into the Arabian Sea?	The Strait of Hormuz.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Jordan River flows along part of the border between Jordan and Israel and the West Bank. The Suez Canal crosses Egypt and links the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea. The Red Sea lies between northeastern Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. The Tigris River begins in Turkey and flows mainly through Iraq. The Euphrates River begins in Turkey and crosses Syria and Iraq. The Persian Gulf lies south of Iran and east of the Arabian Peninsula. The Strait of Hormuz lies between Iran and Oman and links the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman. The Arabian Sea lies beyond the Gulf of Oman, south and east of the Arabian Peninsula.

Accept accurate location clues from the passage, including equivalent wording such as northeast Africa for northeastern Africa. For the final task, each of the eight required features should have a correct relational location or connection.