

Following Map Clues

Use relative location and map features to find Southwest Asia places.

SS7G5.b "Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Gaza Strip, and West Bank."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Gaza Strip, and West Bank, then circle the nearby place or direction that helps locate each one.

Finding Places by Their Neighbors

- ① Political and physical maps work together to help you locate places in Southwest Asia. A political map shows boundaries and names. A physical map shows landforms and water. Start with Turkey, a large country at the region's northern edge. Syria lies south of Turkey. Iraq is east of Syria, and Iran is east of Iraq. These neighboring locations create a west-to-east path across the northern part of the region. When you find one place, use it as a reference point to find the next.
- ② Farther south, Saudi Arabia covers much of the Arabian Peninsula. Kuwait is a small country on Saudi Arabia's northeast side and on the Persian Gulf. Israel sits on the Mediterranean Sea, west of Jordan. The Gaza Strip is a small area along the Mediterranean coast, southwest of Israel. The West Bank is east of Israel and west of Jordan. On a political map, notice that Gaza Strip and West Bank are separate territories, not countries.
- ③ At the eastern side of Southwest Asia, Afghanistan borders Iran to its west. It lies east of Iran and is separated from Iraq by Iran. To locate every required place efficiently, first identify the seas, gulfs, and large countries. Then compare each label with nearby reference places. Check both map types. Political borders distinguish countries and territories, while physical features such as the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf help confirm where coastal places are found.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which place does the passage say lies south of Turkey?

2 Put Syria, Iraq, and Iran in order from west to east.

3 Which territory is southwest of Israel, and which territory is east of Israel?

4 Name the country on the northeast side of Saudi Arabia. What body of water is beside it?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a 70 to 90 word map guide for a classmate. Use all ten place names, at least four direction words, and two physical features named in the passage.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Gaza Strip, and West Bank, then circle the nearby place or direction that helps locate each one. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which place does the passage say lies south of Turkey?	Syria.
2	Put Syria, Iraq, and Iran in order from west to east.	Syria, Iraq, Iran.
3	Which territory is southwest of Israel, and which territory is east of Israel?	The Gaza Strip is southwest of Israel. The West Bank is east of Israel.
4	Name the country on the northeast side of Saudi Arabia. What body of water is beside it?	Kuwait. It is beside the Persian Gulf.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Start at Turkey in the north. Move south to Syria, then travel east through Iraq to Iran. Afghanistan is farther east of Iran. Return west to the Mediterranean coast to find Israel. The Gaza Strip is southwest of Israel, while the West Bank is east of it. Travel southeast to Saudi Arabia on the Arabian Peninsula. Kuwait is northeast of Saudi Arabia, beside the Persian Gulf. Use the coastline and gulf as physical checks for these final locations.

Accept equivalent direction language that matches the passage. For the map guide, accept varied routes if all ten required places are included and the stated directional and physical-feature requirements are met.