



MIDDLE EAST

SOUTHEAST ASIA

LOCATION

□ ABSOLUTE LOCATION

- 32.8000° N, 35.6000° E

□ RELATIVE LOCATION

- Southeast of Europe
- Southwest of Asia
- North & northeast of Africa
- Borders 3 continents: Europe/Africa/Asia
- Northwest of India Ocean

*Crossroads
between Asia,
Europe and Africa*

MOVEMENT



- Goods – oil, foods, salt, major trade crossroads
- People – Refugees, empires have conquered area
- Ideas – Iron-making, canals, first alphabet, Christianity, Judaism, Islam

REGION

- Northern Tier – stretches across Turkey and Iran, dry, mountainous land
- Arabian Peninsula – Land is flat, elevated plateau, desert
- Fertile Crescent – stretches between Tigris and Euphrates rivers, crops grow well here
- Nile Valley – part of Cradle of Civilization, in Egypt, crops grow well here

PLACE

□ PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Climate – hot and dry, desert climate
- Major bodies of water – Red Sea, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Nile River, Tigris River, Euphrates River, Persian Gulf
- Major Deserts – Sahara, Rub al-khali, Syrain
- Mountain Ranges – Atlas, Zargos
- Major Peninsulas – Arabian, Sinai
- Major Natural Resources – Water (very scarce), oil, copper, salt,

PLACE

□ HUMAN FEATURES

- Political Divisions (countries)
- Peoples – Arabs, Jews, Turks, Iranians/Persians, Greeks, Kurds, Palestinians
- Languages – Arabic, Kurdish, Hebrew, Turkish, Persian/Farsi, Greek, Armenian
- Major Religions- Islam, Judaism, Christianity

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS

□ DEALING WITH THE DRY CLIMATE

- Canal system – irrigation
- Desalination – Process of taking salt to make fresh water
- Live near coasts – fishing, desalination and trade
- Live near rivers – fresh water, farming