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**South West Asia (Middle East) Ethnic Groups**

ARABS

<http://www.adc.org/2009/11/facts-about-arabs-and-the-arab-world/>

1. "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" is a cultural and linguistic term. Most Arabs are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but there are also millions of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Arabs and thousands of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Arabs.
2. The Arab World consists of 22 countries in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. There are an estimated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Muslims in the world. The ten countries with the largest Muslim population are: Indonesia (170.3 million), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (136 million), Bangladesh (106 million), India (103 million), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (62.4 million), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (60.7 million), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (53.7 million), Nigeria (47.7 million) and China (37.1 million). Of these countries only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an Arab country.
4. A Muslim is a follower of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

<http://www.cotf.edu/earthinfo/meast/mepeo.html>

1. Arabs constitute the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ethnic group in all of the Middle East states except \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Originally, the term "Arab" referred to the peoples that inhabited the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ portions of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The term "Arab" has come to be synonymous with those who speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Presently, about \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the total population in the Middle East speak Arabic and consider themselves to be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_world>

1. Shade in the countries that are members of the Arab World:

[](http://maxworldgeography.weebly.com/sw-asia--n-africa.html)

1. The sentiment of Arab \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arose in the second half of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ century along with other nationalist movements within the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Arab League was formed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to represent the interests of the Arabs, and especially to pursue the political unification of the Arab countries, a project known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

<https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=nationalism+definition>

1. Define “nationalism” - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

BEDOUINS

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedouin>

1. The Bedouins are an Arab \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group, descended from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who have historically inhabited the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Deserts. Their name means "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" in Arabic. Their territory stretches from the vast deserts of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the rocky sands of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They are traditionally divided into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and share a common culture of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. While many Bedouins have abandoned their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ traditions for modern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle, they retain traditional Bedouin culture with concepts of belonging to traditional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and many other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practices. Urbanized Bedouins also organize cultural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, usually held several times a year, in which they gather with other Bedouins to partake in, and learn about, various Bedouin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ recitation and traditional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to classes teaching traditional \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and playing traditional Bedouin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Traditions like \_\_\_\_\_ riding and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the deserts are also popular leisure activities for urbanized Bedouins who live within close proximity to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or other wilderness areas.
3. Livestock and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, principally of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and dromedary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comprised the traditional livelihoods of Bedouins. These two animals were used for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Most of the staple foods that made up the Bedouins' \_\_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the most popular art form among Bedouins. Having a poet in one's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was highly regarded in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In addition to serving as a form of \_\_\_\_\_\_, poetry was used as a means of conveying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

<http://www.britannica.com/topic/Bedouin>

1. The Bedouin constitute only a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ part of the total population of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or utilize a large part of the land area. Most of them are animal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the rainy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ season and move back toward the cultivated land in the dry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months. Although the Bedouin, as a matter of caste, traditionally despise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, many of them have become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a result of political and economic developments, especially since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

<http://andydesertx.blogspot.com/2012/05/sahara-desert-bedouin.html>

1. Shade in the areas where Bedouins live.

[](http://maxworldgeography.weebly.com/sw-asia--n-africa.html)

JEWS

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Judaism/jewpop.html>

1. The top three countries where Jews live are: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judaism>

1. Judaism, the distinctive characteristics of the Judean ethnos encompasses the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and way of life of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people. Judaism is an ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religion, with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as its foundational text.
2. Jews are an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group and include those born \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and converts to Judaism. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the world Jewish population was estimated at about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or roughly \_\_\_\_\_% of the total world population. About ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_% of all Jews reside in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and another \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% reside in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with most of the remainder living in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and other minority groups spread throughout South America, Asia, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Australia.

<http://www.science.co.il/Israel-history.php>

1. The people of Israel (also called the "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_") trace their origin to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who established the belief that there is only one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the creator of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The people of modern day Israel share the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shaped by the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ passed through generations starting with the founding father Abraham (ca. \_\_\_\_\_\_ BCE). Thus, Jews have had continuous presence in the land of Israel for the past \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.
3. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Jewish Community in Israel under the leadership of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reestablished sovereignty over their ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Declaration of independence of the modern State of Israel was announced on the day that the last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forces left Israel (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_, 1948).
4. A day after the declaration of independence of the State of Israel, armies of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Arab countries, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Transjordan, Lebanon and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, invaded Israel.

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/the-holocaust>

1. What was the Holocaust? When did it happen? How many Jews were killed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

KURDS

<http://www.cfr.org/middle-east-and-north-africa/time-kurds/p36547?gclid=CPOChZjy0ccCFQqQaQodRpoKfg#!/?cid=ppc-Google-grant-kurds_infoguide-072715>

1. The Kurds are one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peoples of the Middle East and the region's \_\_\_\_\_\_-largest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group. They speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an Indo-European language, and are predominantly \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Kurds have a distinct \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, traditional \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the springtime New Year festival that is also celebrated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and others who use the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar. Kurdish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emerged during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ century following the disintegration of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empire and the formation of new nation-states across the Middle East.
2. The estimated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kurds reside primarily in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regions of present-day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and remain one of the world's largest peoples \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a sovereign state. The Kurds are not monolithic, however, and tribal identities and political interests often supersede a unifying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Some Kurds, particularly those who have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_ centers, such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have integrated and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, while many who remain in their ancestral lands maintain a strong sense of a distinctly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ identity. A Kurdish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an estimated \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is concentrated primarily in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Kurds have a long history of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and, particularly in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have repeatedly risen up to seek greater autonomy or complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ countries are home to large Kurdish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who call the mostly contiguous area they inhabit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Kurds. In two of these countries, Kurds have established different and separate forms of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Shade in the areas where Kurds live:

[](http://maxworldgeography.weebly.com/sw-asia--n-africa.html)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurdistan>

1. Kurdistan or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a roughly defined geo-cultural region wherein the Kurdish people form a prominent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ population, and Kurdish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and national \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ been based. Kurdistan roughly encompasses the northwestern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the eastern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mountain ranges.
2. Sketch the Kurdistan flag:

PERSIANS

<http://www.britannica.com/topic/Persian>

1. Persian, predominant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (formerly known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Although of diverse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Persian people are united by their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Persian (\_\_\_\_\_\_), which belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group of the Indo-European language family. (\_\_\_\_\_, a variant of the Persian language, is the lingua franca and an official language of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is also spoken in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.)
2. The name Persia derives from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the name of the Indo-European \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people who migrated into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—to an area then called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_—about \_\_\_\_\_\_ BCE.
3. The vast majority of Persians practice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Islam. Before the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conquest of Persia in the \_\_\_\_\_ century CE, most Persians followed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, based on the teachings of the ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The traditional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cloth and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ industries have remained strong, despite competition from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Persian villages often pride themselves on the unique \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and high quality of their carpets, most of which display the typical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ figures and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ designs prevalent in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ visual art.

<http://www.farsinet.com/farsi/>

1. Shade in the areas where Persians live:

