

# Vocabulary Activity

## The Arabian Peninsula

### Content Vocabulary

**Directions:** Respond to the questions or statements below using the vocabulary words shown in parentheses.

1. How does its position as a peninsula benefit the Arabian Peninsula's economy? (**peninsula**)

Being -(peninsula)- gives good access to the coast making trading by boat more viable.

2. Describe the three types of winds that affect the climate of the Arabian Peninsula. (**monsoons, simooms, shamals**)

-(monsoon)- brings warm moist air in the summer

-(shiooms)- hot and dry wind

-(shamal)- northwesterly wind

3. Define the term "laws of migration." How do the laws affect migration to the Arabian Peninsula? (**laws of migration**)

4. Why are straits in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf important chokepoints? (**choke points**)

They are -(choke points)- a narrow passage between to bodys of water making them points of entry

**Directions:** For each word in the left column, write the letter of the correct definition in the right column.

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| _____ 5. arid        | a. a territory ruled by an Arab tribal leader  |
| _____ 6. dune        | b. a conservative form of Islam, distinct from Sunni and Shia sects                                  |
| _____ 7. geopolitics | c. a mound or ridge of sand formed by wind   |
| _____ 8. hajj        | d. a branch of Islam that regards the first four successors of Muhammad as his rightful successors   |
| _____ 9. Ibadhism    | e. excessively dry, as in a desert climate   |
| _____ 10. shari'ah   | f. a branch of Islam that regards Muhammad's son-in-law Ali and the imams as his rightful successors |
| _____ 11. sheikdom   | g. the yearly pilgrimage to Makkah that Muslims make at least once                                   |
| _____ 12. Shia       | h. Islamic law derived from the Qur'an and teachings of Muhammad                                     |
| _____ 13. Sunni      | i. government policy as influenced by physical, human, and economic geography                        |

# Vocabulary Activity *cont.*

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### Academic Vocabulary

**Directions:** Complete the following sentences, using the words from the word bank.

Word Bank	
coincide	Furthermore
document	Nonetheless
estimated	strategy

14. The members of OPEC meet regularly and write down, or \_\_\_\_\_, their \_\_\_\_\_ for dealing with the world's demands for oil.
15. Much soil on the peninsula is good for agriculture. \_\_\_\_\_, only 2 percent of the land is used due to scarcity of water.
16. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that 25 percent of the world's proven oil reserves lie under the Arabian deserts.
17. Many circumstances happen together, or \_\_\_\_\_, to cause desertification.
18. The hot, arid climate increases evaporation. \_\_\_\_\_, climate change is reducing the amount of rainfall.