

# Vocabulary Activity

## The Arabian Peninsula

### Content Vocabulary

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

- 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.  
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- 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  
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-(shiooms)- hot and dry wind  
\_\_\_\_\_  
-(shamal)- northwesterly wind  
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- Define the term "laws of migration." How do the laws affect migration to the Arabian Peninsula? (**laws of migration**)  
The -(laws of migration)- greatly affects how the people in the Arabian Peninsula live and work.  
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- 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  
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**Directions:** For each word in the left column, write the letter of the correct definition in the right column.

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| <u>  e  </u> 5. arid        | a. a territory ruled by an Arab tribal leader  |
| <u>  c  </u> 6. dune        | b. a conservative form of Islam, distinct from Sunni and Shia sects                                  |
| <u>  i  </u> 7. geopolitics | c. a mound or ridge of sand formed by wind   |
| <u>  g  </u> 8. hajj        | d. a branch of Islam that regards the first four successors of Muhammad as his rightful successors   |
| <u>  b  </u> 9. Ibadhism    | e. excessively dry, as in a desert climate   |
| <u>  h  </u> 10. shari'ah   | f. a branch of Islam that regards Muhammad's son-in-law Ali and the imams as his rightful successors |
| <u>  a  </u> 11. sheikdom   | g. the yearly pilgrimage to Makkah that Muslims make at least once                                   |
| <u>  f  </u> 12. Shia       | h. Islamic law derived from the Qur'an and teachings of Muhammad                                     |
| <u>  d  </u> 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 document,  
their strategy for dealing with the world's demands for oil.
15. Much soil on the peninsula is good for agriculture. nonetheless, only 2 percent of the land is  
used due to scarcity of water.
16. It is estimated that 25 percent of the world's proven oil reserves lie under the Arabian deserts.
17. Many circumstances happen together, or coincide, to cause desertification.
18. The hot, arid climate increases evaporation. furthermore, climate change is reducing the  
amount of rainfall.