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## ***Chapter 5: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Section 1: The Geography of Saudi Arabia***

### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. A quick look at a map of Southwest Asia shows that Saudi Arabia is the \_\_\_\_\_ country in the region.
2. Much of its land is a vast, sparsely inhabited \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Over half of Saudi Arabia is covered by these \_\_\_\_\_ including the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_ desert—the Rub' al-Khali, which means Empty Quarter in Arabic.
4. Along the \_\_\_\_\_, there is a narrow coastal plain.
5. There are no permanent \_\_\_\_\_ in Saudi Arabia.
6. \_\_\_\_\_, or petroleum, is the most important natural resource for Saudi Arabia.
7. In an effort to create more fresh water, Saudi Arabia has built many \_\_\_\_\_ plants along the coasts.
8. \_\_\_\_\_, or the expanding of deserts, also threatens the land that can be used for agriculture.
9. The harsh geography of Saudi Arabia has a major impact on where people \_\_\_\_\_ and how they trade in the country. In fact, more than four-fifths of all Saudis live in \_\_\_\_\_, or urban areas.
10. Saudi Arabia's long \_\_\_\_\_ on the Red Sea and Persian Gulf encourage \_\_\_\_\_ by sea.

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11. About 90 percent of the citizens of Saudi Arabia are \_\_\_\_\_, and Arabic is the official language.
12. \_\_\_\_\_, the official religion of Saudi Arabia, began in Saudi Arabia and has a large impact on the daily life and \_\_\_\_\_ of the country.
13. Schools, businesses, and government offices organize around Islam's \_\_\_\_\_ and daily prayer schedules.
14. The role of \_\_\_\_\_ is more restrictive than in other parts of the world.



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## ***Chapter 5: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Section 2: A Brief History of Saudi Arabia***

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**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. One of the most important events that occurred there was the creation of \_\_\_\_\_, and today two of Islam’s holiest cities are located there: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Because this land was where Islam began, it makes sense that for many hundreds of years it was mostly controlled by Islamic kingdoms like the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire.
3. In 1932, a man named Abd-al-Aziz bin Abd al-Rahman Al Saud created \_\_\_\_\_, marking the end of a thirty-year fight to unite the Arabian Peninsula.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Saudi Arabia have worked to create a stable and thriving economy for the country, as well as maintain its position as a regional power.
5. When Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, Saudi Arabia supported \_\_\_\_\_ in this Persian Gulf War.
6. One of the Saudi kings who had the greatest impact on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Saudi Arabia was King Abdullah.
7. Unlike many countries in Southwest Asia, Saudi Arabia survived the 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ (the series of antigovernment protests, uprisings, and armed rebellions that spread across the Middle East in early 2011) with little bloodshed.
8. King Abdullah tried to settle some of the unrest by creating new \_\_\_\_\_ for Saudi citizens.

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9. King \_\_\_\_\_ became king in 2015 after the death of his half-brother King Abdullah. Most of his reign, so far, has focused on fighting unrest and \_\_\_\_\_ (the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in pursuit of political aims) throughout Southwest Asia.
  
10. In addition, Saudi Arabia created an Islamic coalition made up of 24 countries whose main goal is to fight and eliminate \_\_\_\_\_.

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## *Chapter 5: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Section 3: The Government of Saudi Arabia*

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**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is an \_\_\_\_\_, which means it is an autocracy.
2. In an \_\_\_\_\_ monarchy, citizens have no power or influence on the selection of the country's leader.
3. There is also no \_\_\_\_\_ to protect the citizens' rights and freedoms.
4. The point of the \_\_\_\_\_ is to outline the process through which the next king is chosen, as well as have in writing that Saudi Arabia follows \_\_\_\_\_ Law.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is following laws that are based on Islam and the Quran.
6. The king has a cabinet called the Council of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ Council is the legislative branch in Saudi Arabia.
8. The judicial branch of the Saudi government contains the \_\_\_\_\_ Court.
9. Restrictions on the activities of \_\_\_\_\_ occur in all parts of Saudi life and are enforced by religious police.
10. Citizens who are twenty-one years and older are allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ in municipal elections every four years.



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## ***Chapter 5: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Section 4: The Economy of Saudi Arabia***

### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Saudi Arabia leans toward a \_\_\_\_\_ economy and relies on oil for most of its income.
2. The government is trying to allow for more \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of companies in Saudi Arabia, which will move it along the economic continuum closer to a pure \_\_\_\_\_ economy.
3. Saudi Arabia is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ its economy. A \_\_\_\_\_ economy focuses on the production of different goods rather than just one good, like oil.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is very important to the Saudi economy because it is based on oil and its leading exports are \_\_\_\_\_ and petroleum products.
5. While free trade is important to the economy of Saudi Arabia, it has also used trade \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Saudis have other government \_\_\_\_\_ on trade. \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be imported into the country as a result of Sharia Law.
7. The great wealth from oil production has allowed Saudi Arabia to \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture by spending billions of dollars on irrigation and desalination technology.
8. The Saud family has used a lot of the money from the oil industries to invest in \_\_\_\_\_ capital.
9. Saudi Arabia has invested heavily in capital \_\_\_\_\_.

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10. \_\_\_\_\_ is an area in which Saudi Arabia has room for significant improvement.

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## ***Chapter 5: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Section 5: US-Saudi Relations***

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**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the United States and Saudi Arabia began in 1940.
2. Saudi Arabia's \_\_\_\_\_ is also important to the United States, especially as the two countries work together to combat \_\_\_\_\_ and terrorism.
3. The main focus of the US-Saudi relationship is maintaining \_\_\_\_\_ and combatting terrorism in the region of Southwest Asia.
4. Saudi Arabia is committed to preventing \_\_\_\_\_ and helps the United States' efforts with military and financial assistance as needed.
5. The assistance that the United States provides to Saudi Arabia includes \_\_\_\_\_ training, equipment, and construction.
6. In addition to their \_\_\_\_\_ relationship, the United States and Saudi Arabia are \_\_\_\_\_ partners.
7. Saudi Arabia is a member of many of the same international \_\_\_\_\_ as the United States.