



North Africa and Southwest Asia Today

SECTION 1 A Troubled Century

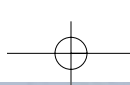
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How have rich oil deposits affected Southwest Asia and the world?

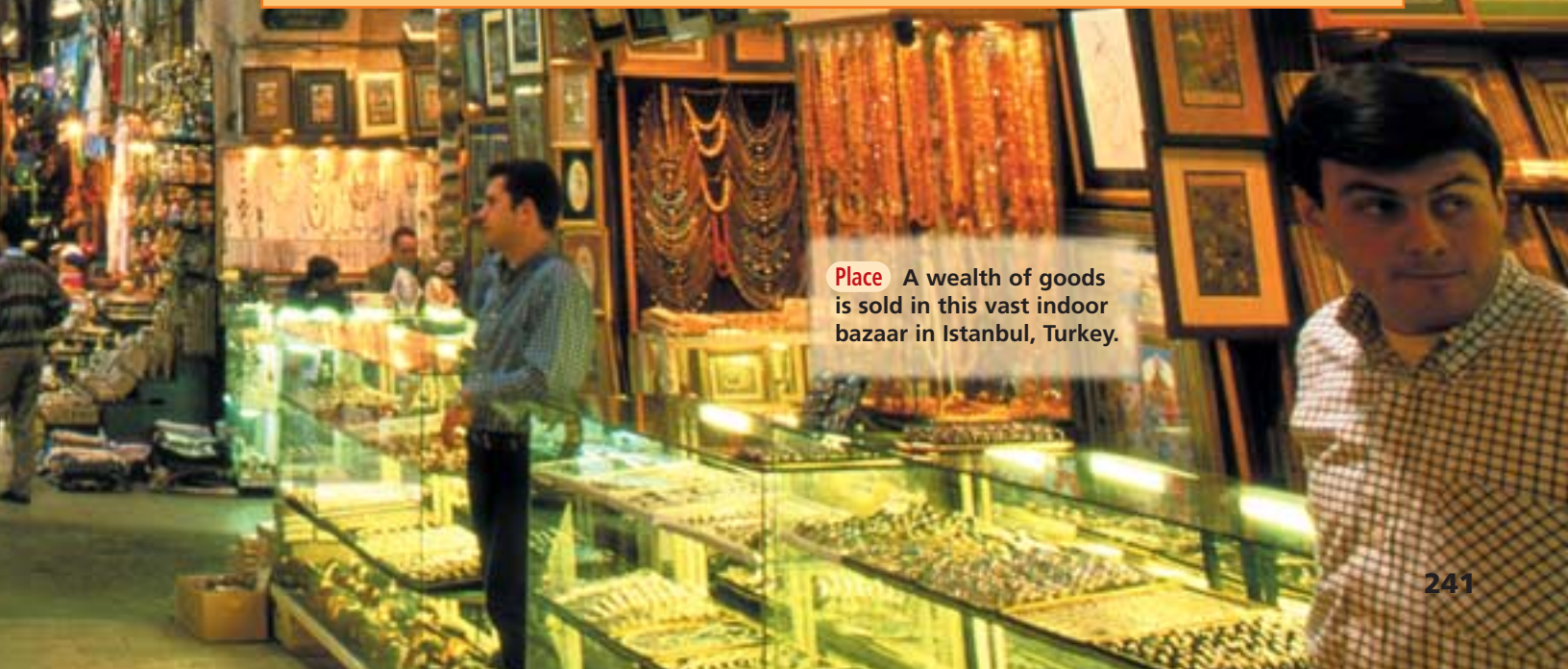


FOCUS ON
GEOGRAPHY

Human-Environment Interaction • Enormous amounts of petroleum, or oil, lie beneath the land surrounding the southern and eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea, a region often called the Middle East. Experts believe the Middle East supplies about 40 percent of the world's oil. Other countries have come to depend on the oil produced here. The importance of providing energy resources for the planet has given the region great political and economic power. The governments of Middle Eastern nations try to control the price and amount of oil that is produced in their region.

What do you think?

- ◆ How are politics and economics related in the Middle East?
- ◆ How might the importance of this region change as nations develop alternative sources of energy?



Place A wealth of goods is sold in this vast indoor bazaar in Istanbul, Turkey.



READING SOCIAL STUDIES

BEFORE YOU READ

►► What Do You Know?

Before you read the chapter, consider what you know about North Africa and Southwest Asia today. You may know something about countries like Israel, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Egypt, Turkey, and Iraq from televised news reports about conflicts in this area. Think about the region's role as a major producer of oil. You, or people you know, may have been born in the region or may have lived or visited there. Review what you have learned about recent history and current events in this part of the world.

►► What Do You Want to Know?

Decide what you want to know about contemporary North Africa and Southwest Asia. In your notebook, record what you hope to learn from this chapter.

Region • These girls live in Cairo, Egypt, the largest city in the region. ▼



READ AND TAKE NOTES

Reading Strategy: Identifying Problems and Solutions

Recognizing problems and how they are solved will help you understand complicated issues you read about in social studies. Use the chart below to identify problems, solutions, and new problems discussed in Chapter 9.

- Copy the chart into your notebook.
- As you read, look for information related to each problem listed on the chart. Some issues are discussed more than once.
- Take notes on solutions that have been tried and problems that resulted.



Region • This sign is in three languages—Hebrew, Arabic, and English. ▲

Problems	Solutions	Resulting Problems
History of foreign influence		
Changes in world markets		
Severe water shortage		
Poverty in villages in Egypt		
Lack of a homeland for Jews		
Forced modernization in Turkey		