

## Monday

1. Provide a definition for ethnic groups:
2. What country does the Tigris Rive begin in?  
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3. Turkey has built the Ataturk Dam, controlling water that the flow of water into Iraq. What impact would this have on Iraqs agriculuture?  
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SS7G7 Explain the impact of location, climate, physical characteristics, distribution of natural resources, and population distribution on Southwest Asia (Middle East).

a. Describe how the deserts and rivers of Southwest Asia (Middle East) impact trade and affect where people live.

What will you be expected to do at the end of this standard?

What will you need to explain?

Circle the VERBS and Underline the Nouns.

## Tuesday

The Kurds are a non-Arabic ethnic group and speak a language related to Persian. Kurds are a largely Sunni Muslim people with their own language and culture. Most Kurds today live in Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Armenia and Syria – a mountainous region of southwest Asia generally known as Kurdistan, "Land of the Kurds," although Kurdistan is not a sovereign nation. 15 million to 20 million Kurds live in a mountainous area straddling the borders of Armenia, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Turkey.

### Facts about the Kurdish People

<b>Main Language</b>	
<b>Where do they live?</b>	
<b>What is the dominant religion or subdivisions in the ethnic group?</b>	
<b>Other facts about the ethnic group</b>	

## Wednesday

The Persians are a non-Arabic ethnic group and speak a language called Persian or Farsi. The Persian language is one of the world's oldest languages still in use today, and is known to have one of the most powerful literary traditions including poetry. Most of the population of Iran are ethnic Persians. Iran's population of nearly 77 million is growing by 1.3 percent annually. The capital, Tehran, has 12 million inhabitants. Most Persians, about 89%, in Iran adhere to Shia Islam, although those to the east remain followers of Sunni Islam.

### Facts about the Persian People

<b>Main Language</b>	
<b>Where do they live?</b>	
<b>What is the dominant religion or subdivisions in the ethnic group?</b>	
<b>Other facts about the ethnic group</b>	

Thursday

Arabs are a large group of people whose native language is Arabic. Arabs also share a common history and culture. It is important to note that all Arabs are NOT Muslim; for example there are Arab Christians. Arabs make up roughly 20-25% of the world's Muslim population. As a result, the Arab identity is defined independently of religion. More than 90 percent of Arabs are Muslims. Most belong to the Sunni branch of Islam. However, significant Shia Muslim communities exist in Iraq, the eastern Arabian Peninsula, Bahrain, and Lebanon. Some Shias live in most other Arab countries

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Friday



Map of Farsi speakers in Central and Southwest Asia

1. Create a title for this map:
2. What country has the most Farsi speakers?
3. How many countries have members of the Persian Ethnic group according to this map?



What country has the highest population density of Kurds?

Article for the Week

An 'ethnic group' has been defined as a group that regards itself or is regarded by others as a distinct community by virtue of certain characteristics that will help to distinguish the group from the surrounding community. Ethnicity is considered to be shared characteristics such as culture, language, religion, and traditions, which contribute to a person or group's identity.

Ethnicity has been described as residing in:

- the belief by members of a social group that they are culturally distinctive and different to outsiders;
- their willingness to find symbolic markers of that difference (food habits, religion, forms of dress, language) and to emphasise their significance; and
- their willingness to organise relationships with outsiders so that a kind of 'group boundary' is preserved and reproduced

This shows that ethnicity is not necessarily genetic. It also shows how someone might describe themselves by an ethnicity different to their birth identity if they reside for a considerable time in a different area and they decide to adopt the culture, symbols and relationships of their new community.

<https://www.youth.ie/articles/ethnicity-and-ethnic-groups-an-explanation-of-these-terms/>

