**Middle East Economics WS** 3                                                 Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Many jobs in the Middle East are found in the primary sector.  State two examples of these jobs.
2. Why is trade extremely important to many Middle Eastern countries?
3. Why was the Suez Canal built?
4. What is pastoralism?
5. Why is agricultural activity very difficult in much of the Middle East?
6. List four Middle Eastern countries that have high per capita GDPs because of their oil resources.
7. Do most Middle Eastern countries have diversified economies?  Why or why not?
8. Why is water such a valuable resource in the Middle East?
9. How has the Aswan High Dam affected agricultural production in Egypt?
10. Why have Turkish dam projects on the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers angered people in Iraq?
11. What factors hurt the tourism industry in the Middle East?
12. Although some people consider Israel to be a developed country, which religious minority in Israel still primarily lives in poverty?
13. What does “OPEC” stand for?
14. List five famous places in the Middle East that would attract many more tourists if the region was more politically stable.
15. Other than the people that make money off of oil, how would you rate the economic success of Middle East?
16. List three effects of flooding upstream of the Aswan High Dam.
17. Name two products that have been traded since ancient times in the Middle East.
18. What negative effects have occurred downstream of the Aswan High Dam?
19. Although some oil-rich countries have high per capita GDPS, why are they still not considered to be “developed” countries?
20. Which Middle Eastern rivers are heavily used for irrigation?
21. Which country has threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz, which allows ships to enter and exit the oil-rich Persian Gulf?
22. Which industry employs many guest workers in the Persian Gulf states?
23. Which bodies of water are connected by the Suez Canal?
24. In which industries might Middle Eastern countries have a comparative advantage?
25. Describe the literacy rate in the Middle East.
26. Compare the infrastructure in the Middle East to the infrastructure in Europe.
27. Name two very important shipping lanes in the Middle East.
28. How does OPEC control oil prices?
29. Name two OPEC countries that are not found in the Middle East.