

**SOUTHWEST ASIA**



# Guided Reading Activity 1

## Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan

**DIRECTIONS: Outlining** Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about the countries of Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

- I. Turkey bridges the continents of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Central Turkey holds \_\_\_\_\_, a plateau rimmed by the \_\_\_\_\_ in the north and the \_\_\_\_\_ in the south.
  - B. About 98 percent of Turkey’s people are \_\_\_\_\_, or followers of Islam.
    1. The official language is \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are also spoken.
    2. \_\_\_\_\_ is Turkey’s largest city, and \_\_\_\_\_ is the capital.
  - C. Istanbul began as a Greek port called \_\_\_\_\_, but it was later renamed \_\_\_\_\_ after a Roman emperor.
- II. Syria has been a center of \_\_\_\_\_ for centuries.
  - A. Its land includes \_\_\_\_\_ and valleys and the \_\_\_\_\_ in the east.
    1. Dams on the \_\_\_\_\_ provide irrigation.
    2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the main export.
  - B. Almost half of the people live in \_\_\_\_\_ areas.
    1. The \_\_\_\_\_ are nomadic desert peoples.
- III. Lebanon is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ countries in Southwest Asia.
  - A. Most people work in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The capital, \_\_\_\_\_, is rebuilding after a \_\_\_\_\_ from 1975 to 1991.
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ is a land of contrasts.
  - A. Jordan lacks \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ resources.
    1. People mainly work in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ industries.
  - B. Most people are \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest city and capital.
    2. The government is a \_\_\_\_\_.