Middle East Culture & Geography Study Guide

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|  | Arabs | Persians | Kurds |
| Religion (Main Branch) |  |  |  |
| Language |  |  |  |
| Main Location |  |  |  |

Fill in the following chart on religions originating in the Middle East. Look over your triple Venn diagram, and make sure you know the similarities and differences between the religions.

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|  | Judaism | Christianity | Islam |
| Most important figure |  |  |  |
| Holy book |  |  |  |
| Religious leader |  |  |  |
| Sacred language |  |  |  |
| Holy building |  |  |  |
| View of Jesus |  |  |  |
| Word for God |  |  |  |

Define or describe the following terms:

Prophet=

Monotheism=

Shia Islam=

Sunni Islam=

Antisemitism=

Zionism=

Holocaust=

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| **Env. Issue** | **Causes** | **Effects** | **Solutions** |
| Water Pollution |  |  |  |
| Unequal Distribution of Water |  |  |  |
| **Country** | **What is their issue: water pollution or unequal distribution of water?** | **Causes of their issue** | **Effects of their issue** |
| Saudi Arabia |  |  |  |
| Jordan |  |  |  |
| Iraq |  |  |  |
| Turkey |  |  |  |

SW Asia is mostly covered by this type of physical feature. Do people live near this? Why or why not?

In SW Asia, the majority of people live near this physical feature. Why? (Hint: think about what makes working and trading easier?)