**Oil and Water in the Middle East Questions**

1. What is the purpose of the **Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)**? Which countries are a part of the organization?
2. What is **desalination**? What are some of the **positive and negative effects** of the process?
3. What **environmental factors** make living in the Middle East difficult?
4. What **percentage** of the region’s fresh **water** is used for **agriculture**?
5. What is **desertification**? What are some of the **causes** of desertification?
6. What is the meaning of the term **global/economic interdependence**? What are the advantages and disadvantages of global/economic interdependence?
7. Describe the image for **Station 5**. What important information is provided in the text that follows that is not obvious in the picture?
8. What are **Saudi Arabia’s top 3 imports**? What does this tell you about the needs of the country?