**Oil and Water in the Middle East Task Sheet**

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| **Station** | **Task** | **Response** |
| **1** | Explain the purpose of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (**OPEC**)? List 3 countries in North Africa and/or Southwest Asia that are a part of OPEC. | **The purpose of OPEC is …****1.****2.****3.** |
| **2** | In your own words, describe the process of **desalination**? Explain a positive and negative effect of desalination. (paragraph 2) | **Desalination is …** |
| **3** | In your own words, describe **desertification**? Describe 1 cause of desertification?Record the percentage of the region’s **fresh** **water** that is used for agriculture. | **Desertification is …**One cause of desertification is…The percentage of fresh water used for agriculture is… |
| **4** | In your own words, describe and give one example of a **fossil fuel**.Explain how oil produced in the region has created a **global interdependence** between countries. Include a specific example in your explanation. | **A fossil fuel is…****An example of a fossil fuel is…**Much of the world depends on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from this SW Asia. SW Asia must use money from selling oil to import \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from other regions. |

**Discussion Questions**

1. What surprised you?

***One thing that surprised me was…***

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2. In your opinion, what is the biggest issue or problem facing the Middle East? Explain your reasoning.

***In my opinion…***

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