Chapter 4: The Eastern Mediterranean, Answer Key

Chapter Opener
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MAP ZONE

1. The capital of Turkey is Ankara.
2. This region is known as the Eastern Mediterranean because it is located on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea.

Section 1

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1. The Dead Sea is located between Jordan and Israel.
2. Answers will vary. Jordan and Israel are located near a desert, so students may guess that the climates of these regions are dry and warm. Students may also refer to the Mediterranean or more mountainous areas and suggest other kinds of weather that this area might have.

Answers will vary. Students' guesses should be appropriate to the picture shown on page 93.

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Answers will vary. Students should list some of the region's main physical features as: the Dardanelles, the Bosporus, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, the Euphrates River, the Taurus Mountains, the Pontic Mountains, and a rift valley.

Because it divides the city of Istanbul, Turkey, and is a major shipping route, the Bosporus is seen as a strategic location.

Climates in the Eastern Mediterranean are mostly dry and desert-like, but sections of this region have different climate variations. In other parts of the region, you will experience Mediterranean climate, steppe climate or a humid subtropical climate.

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Answer Key, Page 2

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MAP ZONE

1. Parts of Syria and Israel and all of Jordan have a desert climate.
2. Turkey is the only country in the region that has a steppe climate.

The region's mineral resources are used to make mineral salts, fertilizers and asphalt, used to pave streets.

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Farmers used simple channels to move water to their fields.

Page 97
Ataturk changed Turkey's government by separating Islam from the government. As president he closed Islamic schools and encouraged people to wear Western dress and adopt surnames.

Page 98
At the time that these answer keys were created there was a textbook error and the wrong map was included on page 98. Rather than population, the incorrect map showed climates. We have contacted the textbook company and will let you know when they have fixed their error.

Ataturk modernized Turkey by separating Islam from the government. As president he closed Islamic schools and encouraged people to wear Western dress and adopt surnames. The fez, a traditional hat, was banned and men were encouraged to wear European-style hats. Women were no longer required to wear traditional veils and were encouraged to vote, work, and hold office. Ataturk also replaced the Arabic alphabet with the Latin alphabet and adopted the metric system.

Urban Turks have a lifestyle that has much in common with the European middle class, while rural Turks are very traditional.

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Turkey has a president and a prime minister, as well as a National Assembly.

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The Arabs and the Jews are two groups that played a large role in Israel's history.

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Primary Source
Answers will vary. Students should appropriately reference the prayer in the passage on page 101 to articulately explain what they think the prayer reveals about the people who wrote it.

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Jewish culture in Israel is focused on holidays and food. Religious laws affect every aspect of daily life.

The highest percentage of Israel's Jewish population emigrated from Europe, the Americas, and the Pacific.

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MAP ZONE
1. Gaza is located on the Mediterranean Sea.
2. The Palestinian Authority controls part of the West Bank.

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Jewish and Arab teenagers in Israel are working toward peace through an organization called Seeds of Peace, which meets regularly in an effort for the teens to get to know one another and understand each other's cultures better.

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The Palestinian Territories have been a source of conflict because it has never been established who has the right to live in these areas, Jews or Arabs.

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SOCIAL STUDIES SKILLS

Practice

1. Iran has the largest population.
2. Saudi Arabia is much larger in terms of land area as opposed to population.
3. The approximate population of Lebanon is between 2 and 3 million people.

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Syria's economy is run by its government, which owns the country's oil refineries, larger electrical plants, railroads, and some factories. Agriculture is also important to the Syrian economy.

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Answers will vary. Students should accurately reference details in the photos on page 108 to explain what images of daily life in Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan.

Divisions in Lebanese society have been caused by tensions between Christians and Muslims.

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King Hussein affected Jordan's history by enacting democratic reforms in the 1990s.

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LITERATURE

1. In the second verse the poet offers food, a place to rest and water for the stranger's horses, showing us that the Arab speaker is extending a warm welcome.
2. Answers will vary. Students should articulately explain if they think this poem would be different if the scene had taken place in another region of the world, providing details to support their opinion.