

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA



INTRODUCTION

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the largest country in the Arabian Peninsula. It is about the size of the United States East side of the Mississippi River.

It is located in the Middle East, in the western portion of the continent of Asia. The kingdom is bounded by the Gulf of Aqaba and the Red Sea in the west and the Persian Gulf in the east.



CAN YOU FIND IT?



Look up Saudi Arabia on the world map.

How far is it from your country?

<https://www.worldatlas.com/>

FACTS AT A GLANCE

Language: Arabic.

Religion: Islam

Head of State: King

Monetary Unit: Saudi Riyal

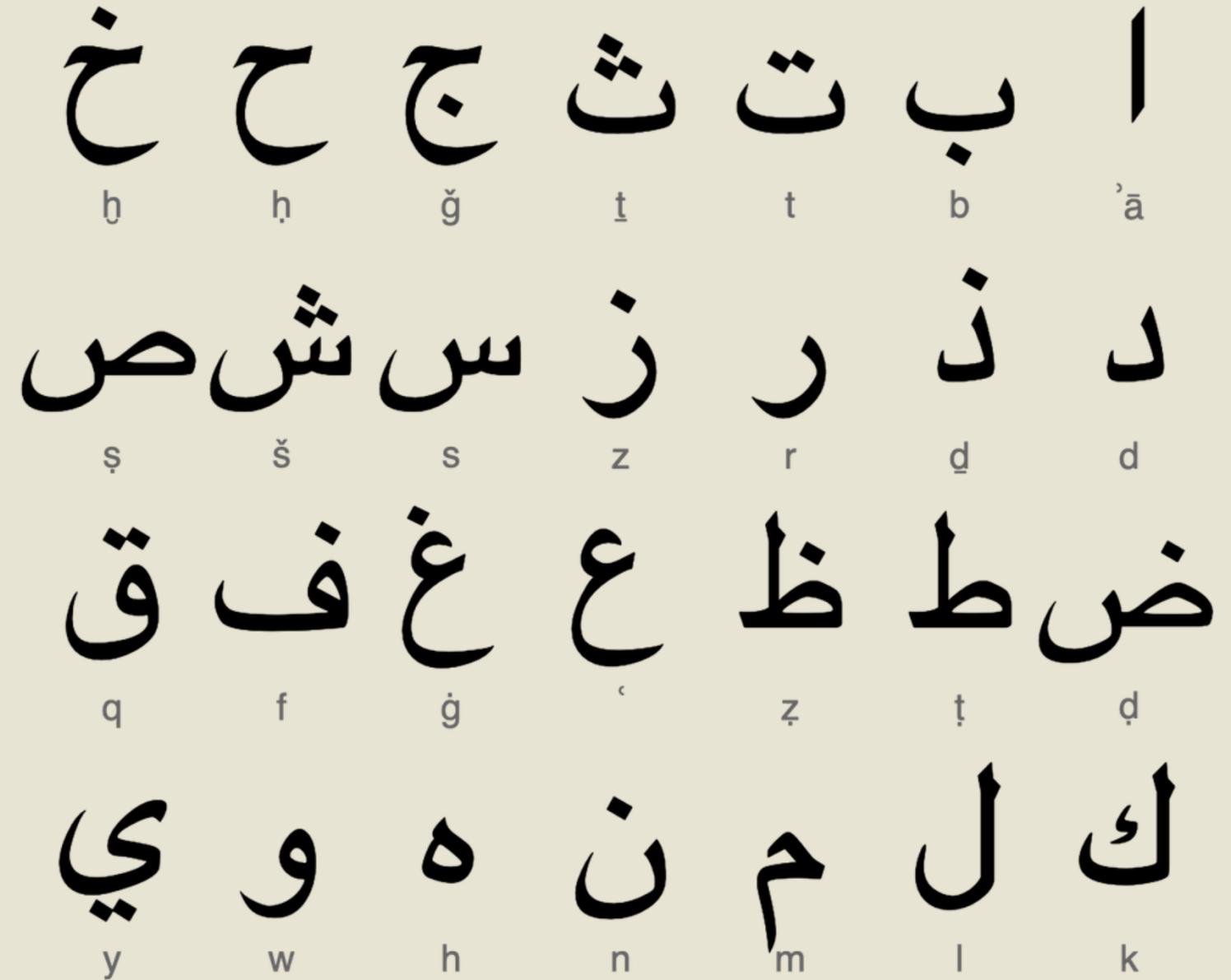
Population: 22,000,000



ARABIC

Did you know?

- Arabic is written from right to left
- It has 28 letters
- Muslims believe that the Quran was revealed in Arabic by the Angel Gabriel (Jibreel) to Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him.



[Audio File of the Arabic Alphabet](#)

NOW AND THEN

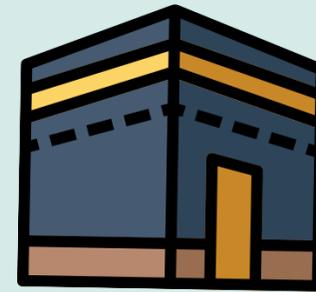
Compare and contrast the Arabian Peninsula in 650 CE and how the political map looks now. What are the similarities? Differences?



MAJOR CITIES



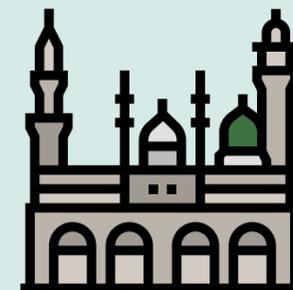
Riyadh



Mecca



Jeddah



Medina

WHERE AM I?



See if you can label these countries:

1. Kuwait
2. Oman
3. Qatar
4. Saudi Arabia
5. The United Arab Emirates (UAE)
6. Yemen.

Can you label the area's major seas and waterways?

- The Red Sea
- Gulf of Aden
- Gulf of Oman
- The Persian Gulf (also called the Arabian Gulf).

RIYADH:

[ree-yahd]

The capital and the largest city. In the older part of the city, the streets are narrow.

The newer part of Riyadh has wide avenues lined with modern government buildings and royal palaces.



JEDDAH:

[jed-uh]

Located on the Red Sea, Jeddah is the center of commerce and a port of entry for millions of Muslim Pilgrims.

The huge King Fahad fountain is visible throughout the whole city.

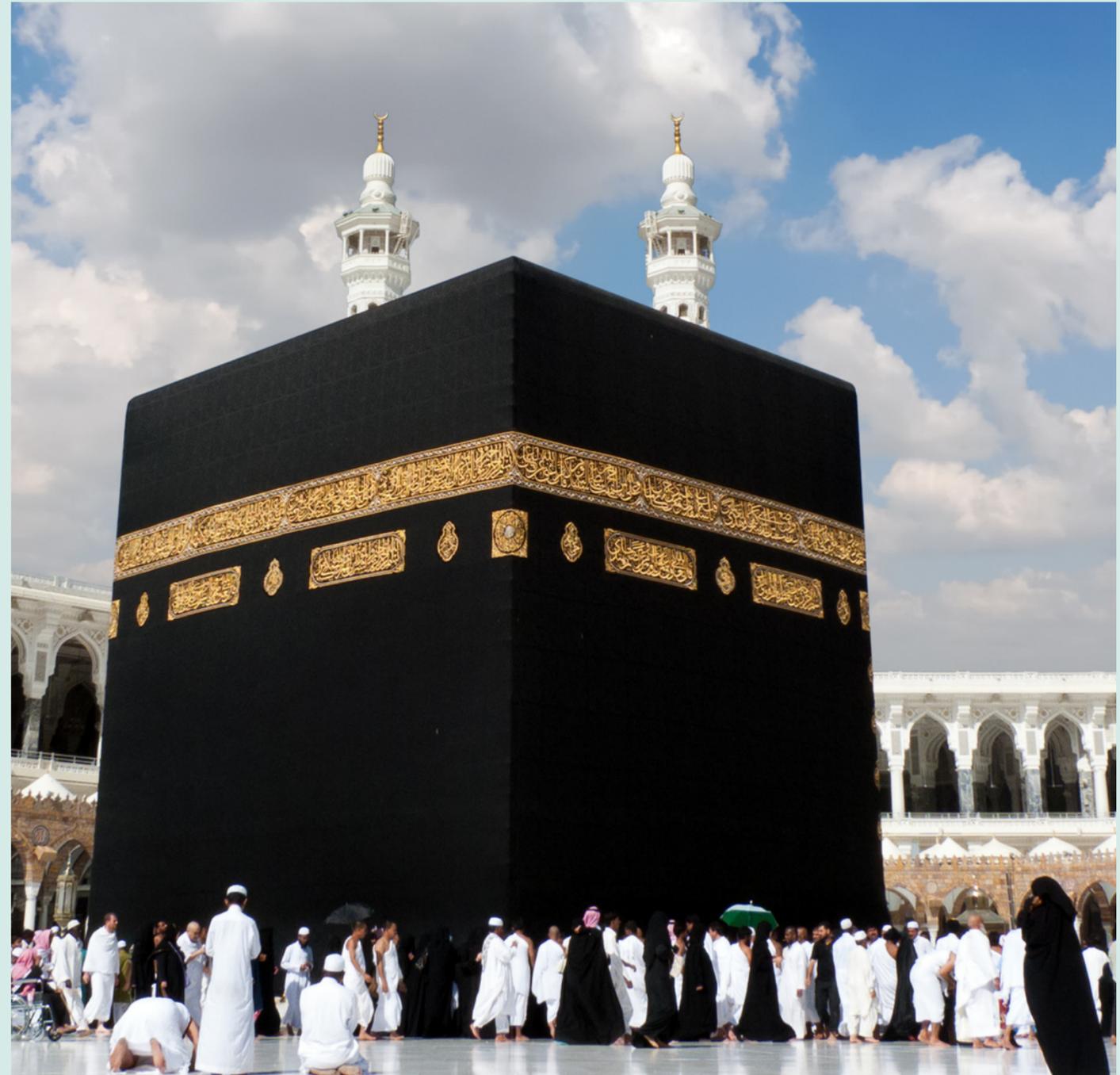


MECCA [MEK-UH]

The holiest site in all of Islam, Mecca is visited by millions of worshipers each year.

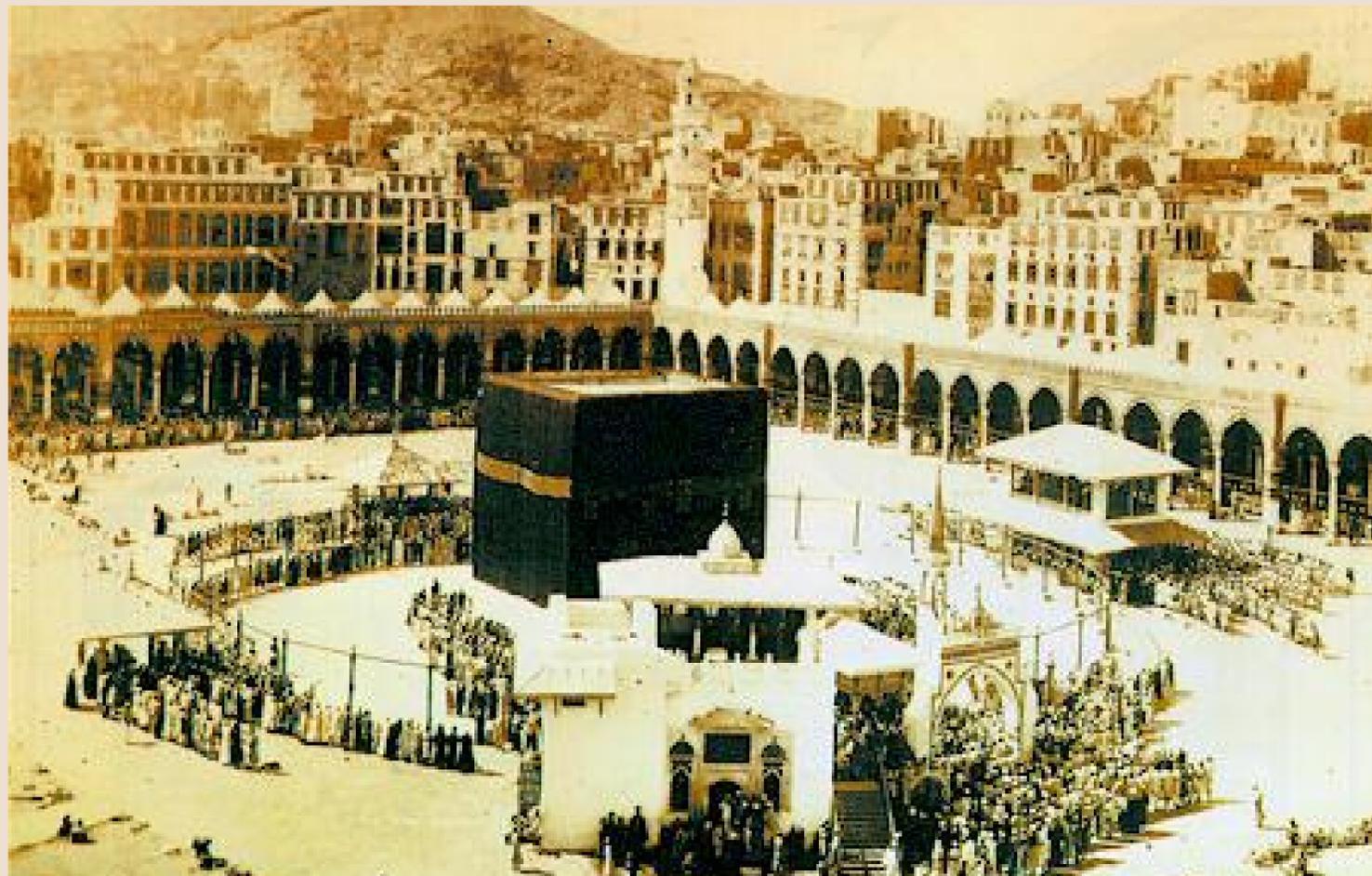
Al-Masjid al-Haram; known as The Great Mosque of Mecca, is the main destination for Hajj, a pilgrimage every Muslim must make at least once in his or her lifetime, if possible.

Muslims around the world pray 5 times a day facing the Kaba [kaa·buh], a black cube-shaped building in the center of the Mosque. The Kaba is believed to have been built by Phrophet Abraham and his son Ishmael.



AL MASJID AL-HARAM OVER TIME

Compare and contrast Al-Masjid Al Haram between the past and now. What similarities can you spot? Differences?.





MEDINA

[MUH-DEE-NUH]

The second holiest city in Islam, after Mecca. Medina is celebrated as the place from which Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) established the Muslim community, and it is where his body is entombed.

Al-Masjid an-Nabawī, a.k.a "The Prophet's Mosque," has a green dome over his tomb is visited by millions of Muslims each year.

AL MASJID AN-NABAWI OVER TIME

Compare and contrast Al-Masjid An-Nabawi between the past and now. What similarities can you spot? Differences?.



KNOWN FOR



PALM TREES

Palm trees represent the Kingdom's assets as they define its history and heritage.



DATES

KSA is home to many varieties of date palms. Dates are a popular fruit for Muslims. Have you tried them?



ARABIAN CAMELS

Camel beauty pageants in KSA are worth millions of prize money. Have you seen a camel with one hump?



NATURAL RESOURCES

Saudi Arabia has about one-quarter of the world's known reserves of oil and natural gas.



DRESS

Traditional clothing for men consists of a gown called a thobe (thōb). The head covering is a large square cotton cloth called a ghutra.

In public, Saudi Arabian women wear long dark-colored garments Abaya (ʾabīʿa) that cloak their bodies from head to foot. However, at home, they often wear western-style clothing.



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