

# Red Sea to Dead Sea Canal

## Webquest

Go to each website listed; answer the following questions using the websites. For additional support on vocabulary, open another window and use the dictionary at <http://www.merriam-webster.com/>.

[http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/mfaarchive/2000\\_2009/2002/8/israel%20and%20jordan%20launch%20global%20campaign%20to%20save%20t](http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/mfaarchive/2000_2009/2002/8/israel%20and%20jordan%20launch%20global%20campaign%20to%20save%20t)

1. Who is the owner/author of the website? What might their viewpoint be, and who might their audience be?
2. List the reasons under “Environmental Degradation of the Dead Sea” that the Dead Sea should be saved.
3. Summarize the two issues of sustainable development under the “Peace Conduit” section.
4. What three nations/territories are coming together to make this project happen?
5. What does the website say are the “Consequences of Inaction”

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/12/061214-dead-sea.html>

6. Who is the owner/author of the website, and when was the article published? How might this compare to your answer to number 1?
7. Look at the map of the “Dead Sea Region”, what four countries rely on the Gulf of Aqaba?
8. How many inches of water are lost each year in the Dead Sea? Why would this be a significant problem?
9. What does the author believe is the main problem with the canal?
10. What other two-part solution is posed at the end of the article? Do you feel it would be a better option, why or why not?

<http://american.edu/ted/deadsea.htm>

11. Summarize what American University believes the issue is?

12. Look under "Geographic Clusters." How/why did the Dead Sea get its name?
13. Under "Type of Measure: Subsidiary," how is water generally divided among in the Middle East?
14. Under Part 14. What effect would the canal have on the Dead Sea?
15. Read all of Part 21. The Red Sea water would float on top of the current Dead Sea water because it's less salty. What effect could that have on the color of the water, and why?
16. Under Part 25. What role does politics play in the building of the dam?
17. Under Part 25. List the important cultural factors to the area.

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1164881864326&pagename=JPost%2FJPostArticle%2FShowFull>

18. What group is petitioning the World Bank to find a different solution?
19. What does the environmentalist group, Friends of the Earth, feel would save the Dead Sea without the canal?
20. Finish this quote by environmentalist Bromberg, "The current system of water management has "turned the Jordan River,...".

[http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/MFAArchive/2000\\_2009/2002/8/The%20Red%20Sea%20and%20the%20Mediterranean%20Dead%20Sea%20canals](http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/MFAArchive/2000_2009/2002/8/The%20Red%20Sea%20and%20the%20Mediterranean%20Dead%20Sea%20canals)

21. Look at figure 2a: what statement can be proven about the water levels of the Dead Sea over that 97 year period?
22. Look at figure 2c: give two possible reasons for the increase in water in 1992.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/jordan/3949300/Dead-Sea-to-receive-water-from-Red-Sea-to-save-it-from-drying-up.html>

23. Who is the author of the article/website, and why might they be portraying the canal as beneficial?
24. How much saltier is the Dead Sea water compared to ocean water?
25. What reason is given as the main pull for tourism to the Dead Sea?