Newscast Project

Oil in Southwest Asia: How “Black Gold” Has Shaped a Region

Essential Question: How might having a valuable natural resource affect a region?

Challenge: Your group is challenged to create an informative and exciting Newscast to share with your class after our Press Conference this Friday! We have already discussed how GDP (Gross Domestic Product), per capita GDP, and the HDI are affected by oil in Southwest Asia, and your job is to tell us why!

Each group will talk about and present the following:

Israel: 24.2 The Geographic Setting: GA Page 358
Saudi Arabia: 24.3 The Geology and Geography of Oil: GA Pages 360-361
Iraq: 24.4 Oil Wealth and People’s Well-Being: GA Pages 362-363
Turkey: 24.5 The Price and Flow of Oil: GA Pages 364-365

Using your Newscast Guide 101 you must create a short presentation about your topic. Remember, you are the expert on your topic and you must convince your peers of this. Please remember to do the following as both a presenter and as part of the audience:

1. Dress like a professional. (No sweatpants or hoodies!)
2. Have all materials with you at all times.
3. Speak loudly and clearly for everyone to hear you.
4. Answer questions in a respectful manner. If you don’t know the answer a good journalist will look up the correct answer and get back to the person with accurate information.
5. Listen silently and be respectful of all of our groups.