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CHAPTER 19

Guided Reading Strategies 19.2

The Persian Gulf and Interior

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, circle the boldface word or phrase that *best* completes each statement below.

1. The world's first civilizations developed in an area known as the **Kopet-Dag / Fertile Crescent**.
2. The **Sumerians / Persians** built the world's first known cities in southern Mesopotamia.
3. The prophet Muhammad established a religion known as **Islam / Hinduism**.
4. The rule of **Mongols / Safavids** is considered a golden age of Persian culture.
5. In the **1500s / 1900s** the Ottoman Turks conquered Mesopotamia.
6. The Ottoman Turks controlled the western part of the region until the **French / British** took over.
7. The dominant language in the region is **Arabic / Hebrew**.
8. A group of people called the **Iraqis / Kurds** have never had their own country.
9. Most of the people in Iran are Persians who speak **English / Farsi**.
10. Today about 90 percent of Muslims are **Sunnis / Shia**.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, discuss the processes that encouraged the spread of Arabic culture.

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