Geography of Arabian Peninsula

EQ: What are the geographic features of the Arabian peninsula and how did they influence the way the people of the region lived?
Our study of Islam must begin with a look at the geography of the Arabian Peninsula, where Islam was first preached.
Where in the World?

• The Arabian peninsula is located in the southwestern corner of the continent of Asia.

• Today it is made up of the countries of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Bahrian and Kuwait.

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Let’s focus on the first part of the Essential Question.

EQ: What are the geographic features of the Arabian peninsula?
What geographic features do you see?
Passage/Map Activity

Read the passage. Using a colored pencil, underline all information that gives you information about the location of geographic features of the region. Use this information to label the following on your map.

Red Sea  Great Arabian Desert (Rub’ al-Khali)
Persian Gulf  Indian Ocean  Syrian Desert
Sarawat Mountains

Color your map and create a key to show the four geographic features discussed in the passage.

Desert  Oases  Coastal Plain  Mountains
Oases
Coastal Plains
Mountains
Now let’s focus on the second part of the EQ.

EQ: How did the geographic features influence the way the people lived?
Do geographic features impact the way people live? Why?
Adaptation Chart Activity

• Reread the passage. Using 2 different colors of colored pencil, underline any information that gives details about the environment in one color. Use the other color to underline information about the ways the people adapted to the environment.

• Complete the chart using information underlined.

• Complete the vocabulary on the back of the map.

• Complete for Homework if necessary.
Desert Adaptations
Characteristics of nomadic lifestyle?
Oases Adaptations
Characteristics of a sedentary lifestyle?
Coastal Plains Adaptations

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Mountain Adaptations

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Crossroads
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On your map, add lines to show how the Arabian Peninsula was the crossroads of the world.

*Use two different colors. One to show how goods, ideas, and technology flowed over land and one to show how they flowed on the water.

*Add to your key!