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pollution (industrial and recreational), flooding, dams, fishing, commercial uses, boats

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salination, pollution, commercial uses, disasters (oil spills), ships, ports/harbors

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TURKEY

The Tigris and Euphrates Rivers begin in our country. They are considered a natural resource much like oil. Iraq is not expected to give away its resource of oil, nor can we afford to give away our resource of water without getting anything in return. The Southeastern Anatolia Project, which consists of 22 dams and 19 hydroelectric stations, has drastically improved the standard of living for the people of southeastern Turkey. Incomes have tripled, and we are now producing five times the amount of food we were 20 years ago. With our population increasing at an alarming rate, we cannot sacrifice our farmland and water resources to other countries without some compensation. With the increase in population, we may have to begin a similar project along the Tigris River. If Kurds in Syria and Iraq continue mounting attacks against us, we may be forced to cut off water supplies altogether.

IRAQ

Our greatest resource is oil, but we need water to survive. Fortunately, we have the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers running through our country. However, Turkey’s Southeastern Anatolia Project is threatening our supply. This project consists of 22 dams and 19 hydroelectric stations along the Euphrates River. The Turkish government has cut our water from the Euphrates River by 80%. This affects access to electricity for 40% of our people, and cuts the water supply to 5 million people in northwestern Iraq. Our wheat and rice production will also be affected because we will not be able to irrigate the farmland. Not only will this affect the food supply of our people but will affect employment of the farmers as well as exports of those agricultural products. We live in fear that Syria will cut off the remaining water coming to us from the Euphrates. Traveling such a distance we already worry about the pollution “drinkability” of the Euphrates once it reaches our borders. We are coming out of one of the worst droughts in our history compounded by political upheaval; our country is in dire need. Despite our differences with Syria, we may be forced into an alliance to force Turkey into a compromise. If water continues to be an issue, we may have no choice but to take military action.

SYRIA

Our country lacks natural resources. One of the few resources we have is water. Turkey and Israel are threatening our supply our water. Turkey has built a series of dams and hydroelectric stations that have cut our water supply by 40%. We are coming out of one of the worst droughts in our history, and our food supply is already at risk. Six percent of our national budget is already allocated for food imports. With our population increasing at an impossible rate, our plans to irrigate 100,000 acres of new land is at risk with the Euphrates waters being cut off. Not only are we dealing with Turkey, Israel is threatening our only other water source, the Yarmuk River, one of the Jordan’s main tributaries. We may be forced into an alliance with Iraq or the Palestinians to try and prevent or if necessary force a war over water.

ISRAEL

We are a long suffering people. We were brought to near extinction by Hitler during WWII. It is only through God’s grace that the United Nations has granted us a new safe homeland. We have done well here. We have learned new technology and have advanced farming techniques beyond anyone’s hopes. It is because of our genius that the desert is now farmland and that the barren wasteland now yields fruit. Jordan, Syria, and the Palestinians threaten our food. They are claiming water rights when all they do is waste the water. Syria has access to the Euphrates River. Jordan has been illegally siphoning water off of our pipelines. They are breaking the law and therefore should not have equal access to the river. The Palestinians have no claim because this in not their land. If necessary, we will call on our allies and defend our resources with force.

JORDAN

We have few natural resources. What little we have is being threatened. Historically, the Jordan River bears our name and therefore belongs to us. Israel has illegally taken our water. They have built pipelines redirecting the water of the Jordan away from us and into their own lands. Our people face famine as a result of Israel’s selfishness. Due to severe droughts and Israel’s determination for water, our fields are left to die. Not only does it affect our crops, it is also one of our only sources of drinking water. We have been forced to drill into Israel’s pipelines just to meet the basic needs of our people. We have to ration our water now, and citizens can get water from public sources only two days a week. Not only are the Israelis stealing our water, but they are also polluting it. Syria’s mistreatment of the Yarmuk, a tributary of the Jordan, is also cause for alarm. Because of Israel and Syria’s mistreatment of the river, it is highly polluted and contains 20% raw sewage. We may be forced to take up an alliance with our Arab neighbors to force Israel to clean it up and give us our water back.

PALESTINIANS

We were here long before the Jews. The United Nations gave our land away, and we have been forced to “renting” land that is historically ours. Fighting for the land means we are fighting for its resources. The Jews have literally taken the water from our children’s hands. Even though most of Israel’s water comes from the land we now live on, they have limited us to only a fifth of what is available. They take the rest for themselves. The Israelis have limited our fresh water wells while they continue digging using 86% of the water. They then have the nerve to charge us money for our own water. With our population increasing, we are at a critical point of survival. It may mean going to war.

TURKEY

Description of the Water Issue for Turkey:

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SYRIA

Description of the Water Issue for Syria:

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Possible Solutions for the Water Crisis:

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Description of the Water Issue for Iraq:

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Possible Solutions for the Water Crisis:

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ISRAEL

Description of the Water Issue for Israel:

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Possible Solutions for the Water Crisis:

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JORDAN

Description of the Water Issue for Jordan:

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Possible Solutions for the Water Crisis:

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PALESTINIANS

Description of the Water Issue for Palestinians:

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“WATER CRISIS INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS”

Today an estimated 1.1 billion people lack access to safe drinking water; 2.4 billion lack access to basic sanitation. Each year, over 3 billion people suffer from water related diseases resulting in 3-5 million deaths – most in children under five.

It costs the world $380 billion to deal with the affects of unsafe water. In developing countries, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) often relates to the amount of rainfall received. When there is rain, the economy prospers; during droughts, it falters. In some countries, water mismanagement and water pollution can keep a country in poverty, or if remedied, set it on a path towards economic growth.

What about those countries that are located in areas prone to drought, which lack not only drinking water but also water to irrigate their land?

Southwest Asia is such an area. Here the water resources are plummeting. Southwest Asia represents 5% of the total world population but has only .09% of global water resources. The number of water-scarce countries in Southwest Asia has risen from 3 to 14 in the last 35 years, with another 7 expected to join the list by 2025.

The lack of water in this region has already resulted in two wars: the 1967 war started by Syria’s attempts to divert water from Israel, and the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980’s which erupted form disputes over water claims and availability. The conflict over water in this region continues to escalate due to a variety of factors:

* Population rates are among the highest in the world. They are consuming water at a much higher rate than can be replenished naturally.
* In an area already critically short of water, this depletion has been compounded by domestic pollution, which has contributed to a deterioration of usable resources and a general decline in the quality of available water.
* Expanding initiatives in agriculture and industry have further eroded regional water availability. Spurred by growing populations, many nations have begun to overexploit their agricultural capabilities, resulting in desertification.
* The countries do not trust each other. This lies mainly in the historical disputes over land. They refuse to cooperate out of fear that the other will retaliate.

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Water Crisis in the Middle East: Information and Questions

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* 1. Population rates are at an all time high
	2. Domestic pollution has contributed to a deterioration of safe water
	3. More farming due to a growing population has resulted in desertification
	4. The countries do not trust each other

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO WATER ISSUES

* Turkey can grow most of the food for Southwest Asia. They are estimated to produce $6 billion in food surplus with their Anatolia Project. Those countries affected by less water from the Euphrates could cut back on irrigated land and import needed food. They could then use the water normally used for irrigation to meet the needs of the people.
* Turkey could offer a discount of food being exported to neighboring countries as a result of being the cause of less water reaching the farmland in those countries.
* Neighboring countries could provide pipelines of oil to Turkey – while Turkey provides pipelines of water to them.
* The countries with less water are going to have to use the water for crops that generate the highest amount of money, rather than for crops like wheat that can be grown more cheaply and easily elsewhere.
* These same countries can grow crops that do well in their abundant amount of sun, such as grapes, tomatoes, melons, and strawberries.
* They need to modernize pipelines, 55% of carried water is lost because of leakage from old and damaged piping.
* POPULATION CONTROL???
* Turkey, Iraq, and Syria could align themselves together against Kurdish terrorist activity. They could then cooperate over water and the terrorist threat.

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