

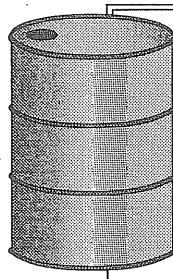
**Chapter
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Enrichment Activity 17

The Cost of Oil

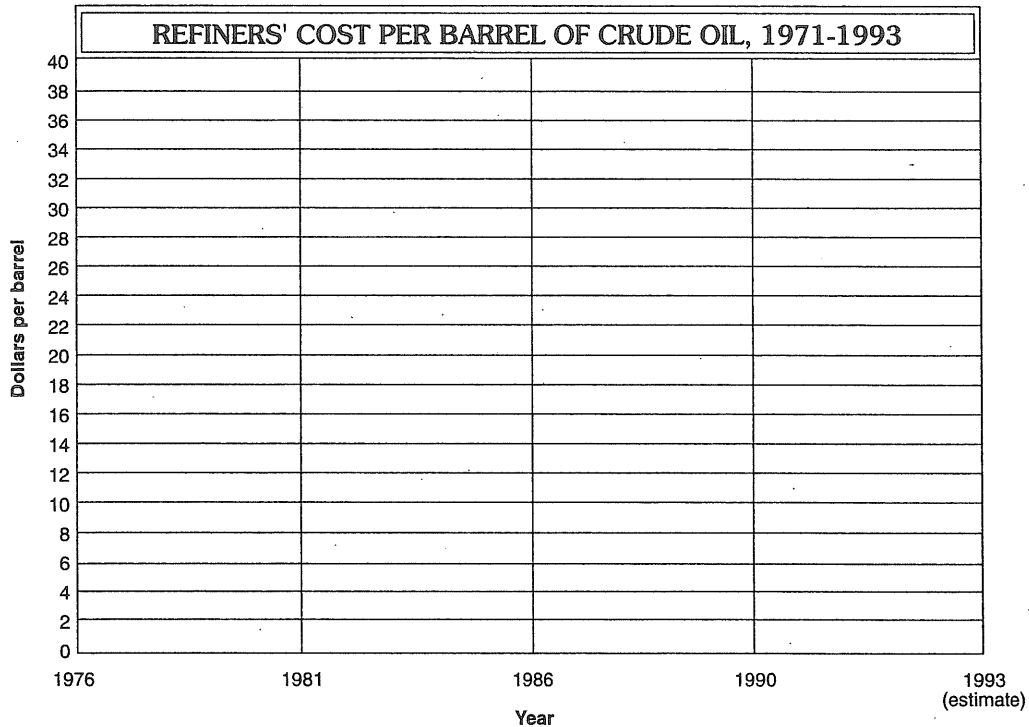
Use with Chapter 17

- Use the information about refiners' cost per barrel of crude oil in the table below to complete the line graph.



Year	Cost
1976	\$10.89
1981	\$35.24
1986	\$14.55
1990	\$22.22
1993	\$16.80 (est.)

Source: Petroleum Marketing Monthly, February 1994



- Use the line graph above to decide whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write *T* for true or *F* for false in the blank at the left.

- _____ 1. The cost of crude oil rose by about \$25.00 between 1976 and 1981.
- _____ 2. By 1986, the cost of a barrel of crude oil was about 10 times the cost of a barrel of oil in 1976.
- _____ 3. The cost of crude oil has climbed steadily since 1976.
- _____ 4. In 1990, the cost of crude oil was almost \$12.00 more than the cost of crude oil in 1976.

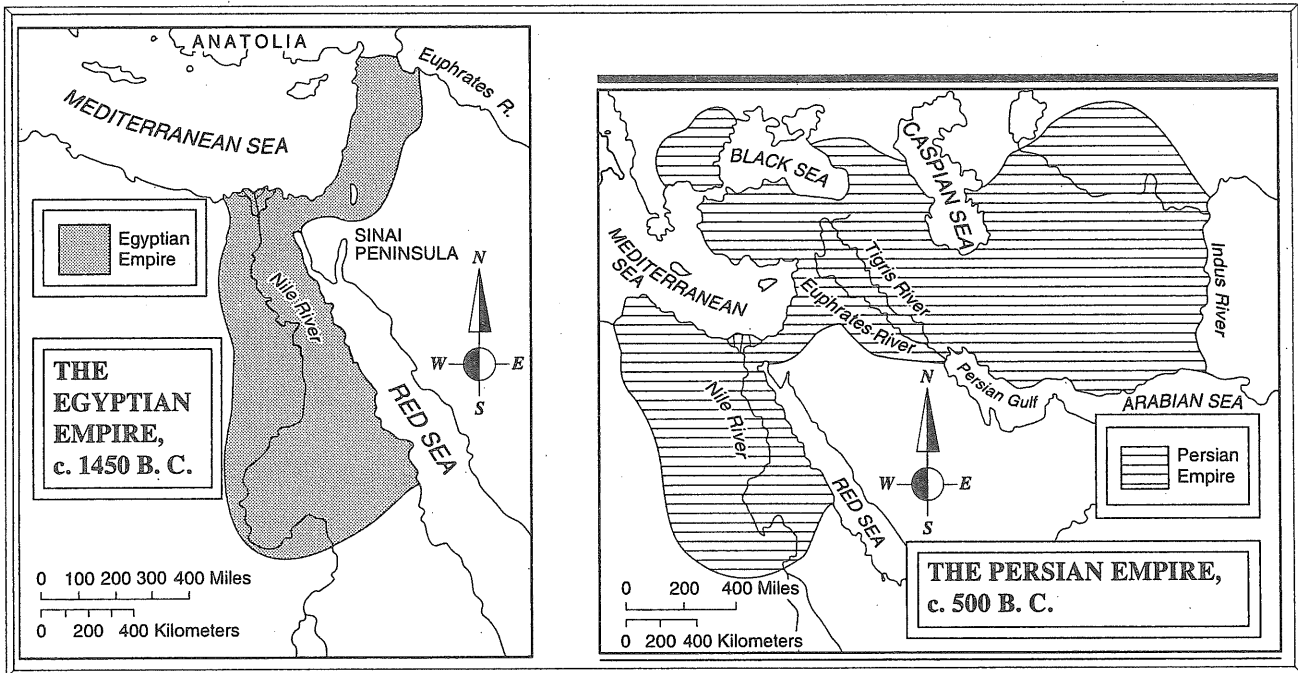
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Enrichment Activity 18

Historical Comparisons

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Two of the greatest ancient empires in the region of North Africa and Southwest Asia were the Egyptian and the Persian empires. Use the maps below to answer the questions that follow. Write the answer to each question in the blank provided.



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- Which of the empires shown on the maps was more ancient? _____

- Which of the two empires extended farther to the east? _____

- Which of the two empires occupied the greater amount of territory? _____

- What geographic feature marked the northeastern boundary of the Egyptian Empire in about 1450 B.C.? _____
- According to a comparison of the two maps, which empire appears to have absorbed the other empire? _____

**Chapter
19**

Enrichment Activity 19

The Suez Canal

Use with Chapter 19.

 Read the following article about the Suez Canal. Then answer the questions.

The Suez Canal has connected the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea since 1869. The canal was built by the Suez Canal Company, a private French company. Building the Suez Canal took nearly 11 years.

In order to build the Suez Canal, smaller canals had to be dug first. The smaller canals were needed to bring building materials by barge from the Nile River. Fresh water was also needed from the Nile River for the thousands of people working in the desert building the 118 miles (190 km) of the Suez Canal. The Ismailia Canal, an east-west canal, flowed from the Nile River near the city of Ismailia. At Ismailia, the canal branched north and south. The north-south canal was called the Sweet Water Canal.

The canals built by 1869 in Egypt are still widely used. Many improvements have been made to the Suez Canal, now owned and operated by the Egyptian government. Ships from countries throughout the world use the Suez Canal. The Ismailia and Sweet Water canals are used by small vessels to transport goods. These two canals also provide Egyptian farmers with freshwater from the Nile River to irrigate crops in fields that were formerly desert land.

 Use the information about the building of the Suez Canal to answer the following questions.

1. In what year was the Suez Canal completed? _____
2. What seas are connected by the Suez Canal? _____
3. Why were other canals dug before the Suez Canal could be built? _____

4. What government owns and operates the Suez Canal today? _____
5. How do the Ismailia and Sweet Water canals help Egyptian farmers today? _____

6. Why do you think it took 11 years to complete the Suez Canal? _____

