


## Decisions, Decisions

### *North Africa and Southwest Asia Edition*

Consider what information you would need to answer the question. Use your textbook and atlas to obtain data to evaluate the proposed action. Be prepared to explain your answer.

**Would it be a good idea to . . .**

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1. Drill for oil southern Egypt?
  2. Change the name of the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Gulf?
  3. Transfer the ownership of the Suez Canal from Egypt to the United Kingdom?
  4. Install sand fencing along the southern border of Algeria?
  5. Permit nomads and their animals to cross international borders without custom checks?
  6. Create a new country, the United Arab Republic, that includes Egypt and Syria?
  7. Build a bridge across the Strait of Hormuz?
  8. Invite the Russian Federation to join the Organization of Petroleum Exporting States (OPEC)?
  9. Resettle Egypt's population in areas at least 250 miles away from the Nile River?
  10. Build luxury resorts in Mecca for foreign tourists?
  11. Include the Sudan as a country of North Africa and Southwest Asian region?
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12. Increase the area and volume of Lake Ataturk, formed by a dam on the Euphrates River, in Turkey?
  13. Construct a water sports complex for international competition in the Rub al Khali?
  14. Build oil pipelines along the tectonic plate boundary in western Iran and Turkey?
  15. Remove the Aswan High Dam on the Nile River because of environmental concerns?
  16. Create government housing and programs to resettle the Bedouins?
  17. Construct more islands in the area of the city of Dubai?
  18. Include Afghanistan in the North Africa and Southwest region?
  19. Invest in a water desalination plant in Yemen?
  20. Recommend either Kuwait or Bahrain for a grant from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to increase their agricultural production?