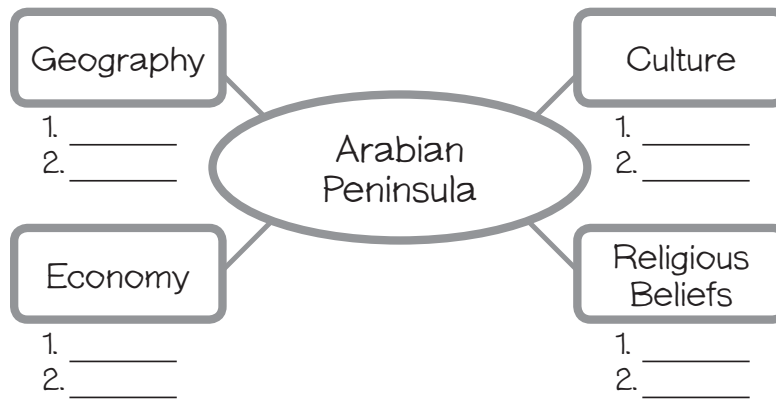


Reading Skill and Strategy

Reading Skill: Categorizing

This skill helps you sort people, ideas, or other information into groups, called categories. In the cluster diagram below, write information about the geography, culture, religious beliefs, and economy of the Arabian Peninsula.



READING STRATEGY: QUESTIONS

1. Read "A Desert Culture." Then check the question that you might ask while reading this section.
 - ___ What different ways of life did people have on the Arabian peninsula?
 - ___ What contact did the Bedouins have with people outside the Arabian peninsula?
 - ___ What was life like for the merchants and artisans who lived in the cities of the Arabian peninsula?
2. Read "The Holy City of Mecca." Then check the question that you might ask while reading this section.
 - ___ How did the cities of Mecca and Medina compare?
 - ___ What geographic factors were important in the founding of Mecca?
 - ___ What activities took place in the city of Mecca?