Academic Vocabulary Activity

North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia Today

Academic Words in This Chapter

- emphasis
- infrastructure
- output
- policy
- regime
- sole

A. Word Meaning Activity: Synonyms

Directions: Read the underlined words below, as well as the four words or phrases next to them. Circle the word or phrase that is most similar in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the chapter.

1. emphasis
   importance phase transfer observation
2. infrastructure
   pillar basic systems capital fountain
3. output
   expense process resource yield
4. policy
   plan region document war
5. regime
   decision routine economy government
6. sole
   important limit lone basis

B. Word Usage Activity: Using Academic Terms

Directions: Use a form of the academic terms at the top of this page to replace the underlined common words in the sentences below. You might need to change the tense of the terms or add a transitional word.

1. Trade sanctions changed Muammar al-Qaddafi’s course of action.
   Academic term: ____________________________

2. Until recently, the only source of wealth for Saudi Arabia was oil.
   Academic term: ____________________________

3. The one-party rule of Syria does not allow many political freedoms.
   Academic term: ____________________________

4. Azerbaijan has made agreements with foreign companies to increase its oil and natural gas production.
   Academic term: ____________________________
5. Uzbekistan stressed cotton production, which harmed the environment.
   **Academic term:** ____________________________

6. For a country to prosper, it must have roads, water, and electric systems.
   **Academic term:** ____________________________