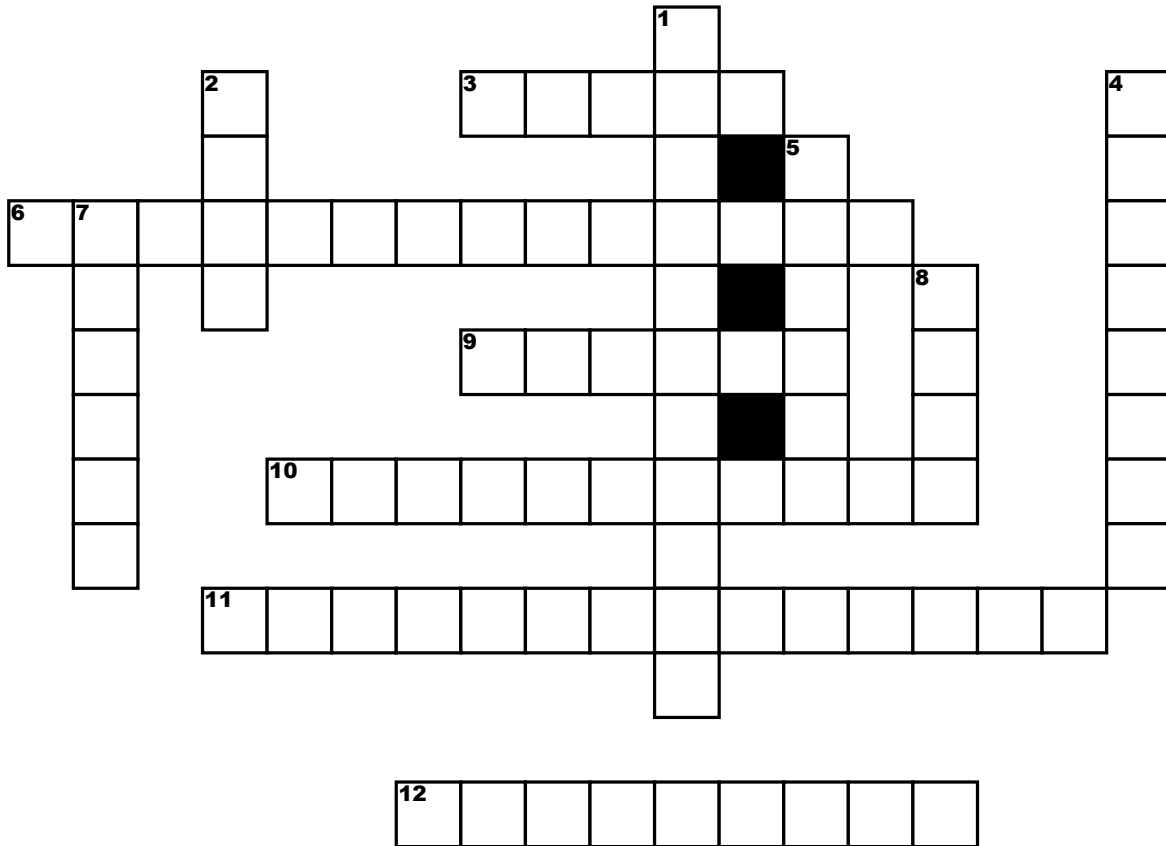


Middle East



Across

3. A republic in Southwest Asia

6. A very narrow waterway

9. A sea that borders Egypt and the Arabian Peninsula

10. A country east of Iran

11. One of the longest rivers of Southwest Asia and flows through Syria and Iraq

12. A canal in Egypt

Down

1. A river that begins in Turkey and flows through Iraq

2. A country west of Iran

4. A strip of land west of the Jordan River

5. The gateway to the Middle East

7. A country where the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers begin

8. A country west of Afghanistan