**Mnemonics**

**Mnemonics** are memory devices that help learners recall larger pieces of information, especially in the form of lists like characteristics, steps, stages, parts, phases, etc.

1. **Music Mnemonics** You can make a song or jingle using any type of music you choose for any list of items. Music Mnemonics work best with long lists. For example, some children learn the ABC's by singing the "ABC" song. Other children learn all the states in alphabetical order using the "50 Nifty United States" song.
2. **Name Mnemonics** In a Name Mnemonic, the 1st letter of each word in a list of items is used to make a name of a person or thing. Sometimes, the items can be rearranged to form a more recollect able name mnemonic. Examples:

**ROY G. BIV** = colors of the spectrum (**R**ed, **O**range, **Y**ellow, **G**reen, **B**lue, **I**ndigo, **V**iolet.)

1. **Expression or Word Mnemonics** This is by far the most popularly used mnemonic. To make an Expression orWord mnemonic, the first letter of each item in a list is arranged to form a phrase or word. Examples:

In English, the 7 coordinating conjunctions are **F**or, **A**nd, **N**or, **B**ut, **O**r, **Y**et, **S**o **FANBOYS**.

The order of operations for math is **P**arentheses, **E**xponents, **M**ultiply, **D**ivide, **A**dd, and **S**ubtract = **Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally**.

**Directions:** Use one of the above Mnemonics to create a way to remember the location of the physical features in the Middle East.

**Physical Features**

Euphrates River

Jordan River

Tigris River

Suez Canal

Persian Gulf

Strait of Hormuz

Arabian Sea

Red Sea

West Bank

Gaza Strip