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Video Worksheet

EXTREME OIL: The Pipeline

Oil is the starting substance for much of the plastic, rubber, pharmaceuticals, and of course fuel that consumers need. This video will show you how the United States is trying to lessen its dependence on oil from the Middle East. Examine the maps carefully to determine which three cities are “B,” T,” and “C” in the BTC Pipeline.

1. The Caspian Sea borders the “politically unstable” countries of Central _____.
2. It took a long time for the filming crew to get permission to visit an _____
_____ in Azerbaijan. Then, they were denied permission to film after all.
3. The supervisor of the massive “Oily Rocks” platform estimated that there would be enough oil available for this many future generations: _____ (write down the number).
4. Indeed, the Caspian contains some of the largest untapped energy reserves on the planet. Estimates of its capacity go as high as 200 _____ barrels of oil.
5. The capital of Azerbaijan is (circle one):

Dushanbe Yerevan Baku Bratislava
6. After the collapse of (Chinese / Soviet / German / Turkish) power, Azerbaijan’s new oil fields were “up for grabs.”
7. Panakh Huseynov was Prime Minister when oil companies were competing for oil contracts in the early 1990s. The Azeris thought that signing these contracts with western companies would guarantee their independence from Moscow. Priority was given to this company: (British Petroleum / Exxon / Texaco / IBM).
8. The Armenian railway cars weren’t empty. They were packed with _____ (from the Ngorno-Karabakh war).
9. One refugee was given 2,000,000 Azeri *manats* as payment for letting the pipeline pass under his land. How many dollars is this? _____
10. How many sections of pipe will be needed for the pipeline to reach all the way to the Mediterranean Sea? _____
11. In Azerbaijan, you can buy oil for your car’s engine in recycled bottles that were used for this soft drink: _____.

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12. Unlike Azerbaijan, Georgia is a (Muslim / Buddhist / Sikh / Christian) country.
13. After Lebanese businessman Fahdi Aslif had an employee murdered, an assistant kidnapped, and then had his offices bombed, he realized that he needed to take _____ issues more seriously in Georgia.
14. "People in the security and in the police tell them (the criminals) who can be the targets and who can not be the targets. _____ workers, they are in no case to be targeted."
15. Georgia does not want the pipeline to go through the base at Alkhalk'alak'i even though this would be the most direct route. This base is owned by _____ and Georgia is trying to break free from the influence of that country. They see the BTC Pipeline as a guarantee of Georgia's independence.
16. The BTC Pipeline passes from the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean Sea. It starts in Azerbaijan, passes through Georgia, and finally goes through this country: _____.
17. Those big stacks of fuel in eastern Turkey are made of cattle (skins / food / bait / dung).
18. The PKK, a group of (Kazakhs / Kurds / Magyars / Chechens), has long dreamt of a separate state in southern Turkey and northern Iraq.
19. "BTC" stands for these three cities:
 - a. B _____, Azerbaijan
 - b. T _____, Georgia
 - c. C _____, Turkey