

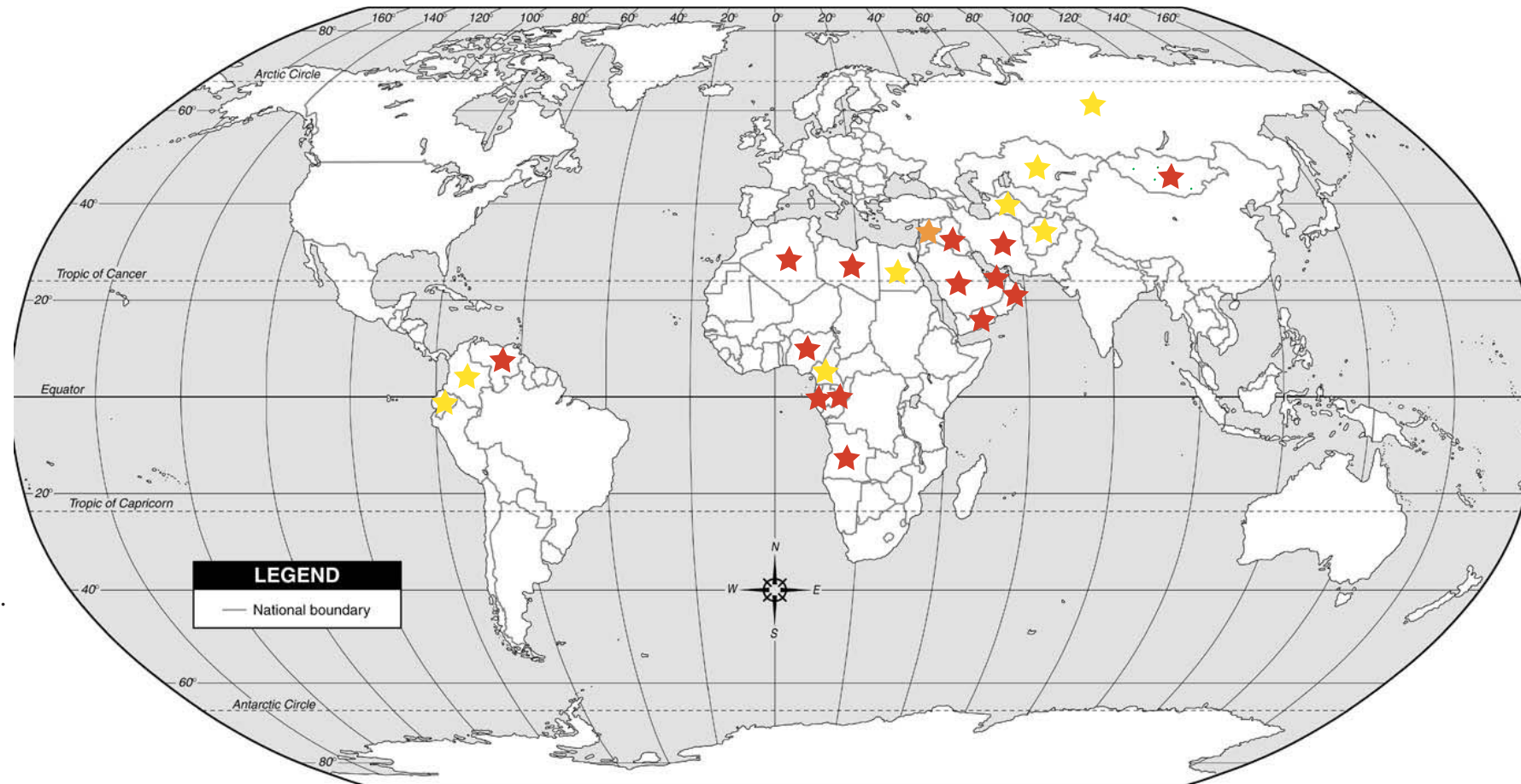
Fossil fuels consist of crude oil, natural gas and coal, and are non-renewable resources.

Oil exports became a political issue in the 1970s, when OPEC sought to increase the influence of developing countries in world affairs by raising oil prices and restricting production. Its power was minimized, following a fall in demand for oil in the 1980s, due to increased energy efficiency and the development of alternative resources. Since this time however, the demand for oil has been steadily increasing.

The current members of OPEC are: Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela. Together these nations hold more than 75 percent of world crude oil reserves. OPEC claims to have 80 years of oil reserves remaining at its current rate of production, while non-OPEC oil producers' reserves might last less than 20 years. As fossil fuel consumption increases, and reserves deplete, those nations with remaining reserves will gain greater global importance.

Data Source: <http://www.kcpc.usyd.edu.au/discovery>
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World Fossil Fuel Reserves



Map source: <http://geography.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite>
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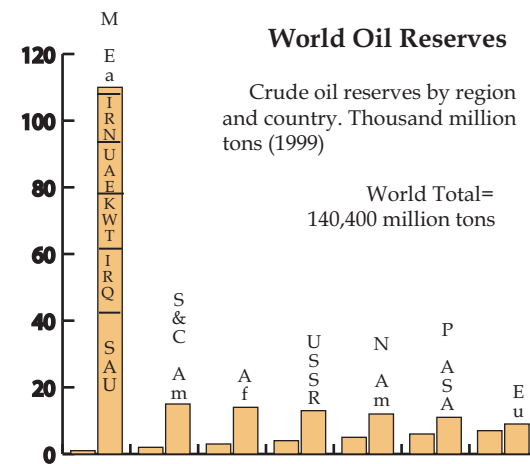
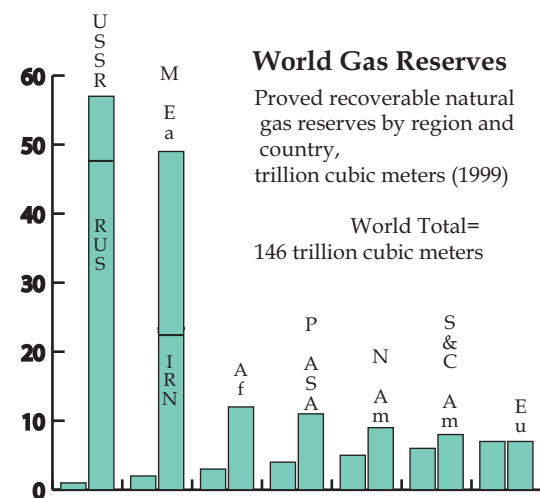
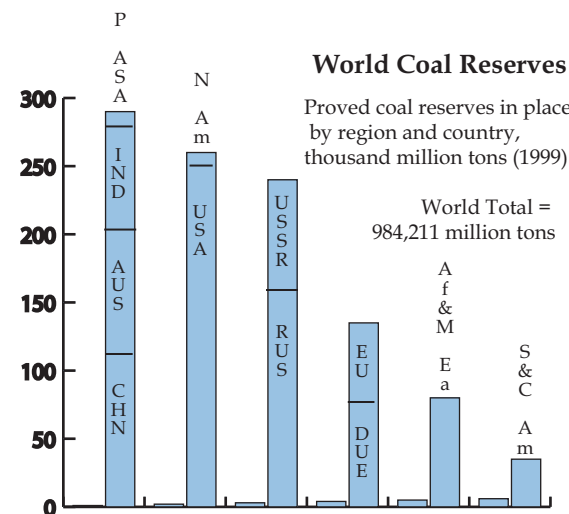
Oil Movements

Major World movements of oil in million of tons (1999)

Middle East to Asia (not Japan)	292.0
Middle East to Japan	207.4
Middle East to Western Europe	188.8
South and Central America to USA	128.5
Middle East to USA	120.7
Former Soviet Union to Western Europe	111.7
North Africa to Western Europe	96.0
Canada to USA	74.4
Mexico to USA	64.6
West Africa to USA	59.7
Western Europe to USA	39.1
Former Soviet Union to Eastern Europe	34.9
Middle East to Africa	34.7
West Africa to Western Europe	30.1
Western Europe to Canada	22.7
Middle East to South and Central America	20.3

Total World imports 2,025,700,000 tons

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Oil Well near Ogema, Saskatchewan
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