

Figure 12.2 Israel and the Disputed Territories

GOLAN HEIGHTS: A mountainous area with peaks high enough to allow skiing in the winter. There is no natural barrier to prevent the holder of the heights from launching a tank assault either into Israel or Syria.

The Jordan River: From the West Bank, a column of tanks can reach Tel Aviv in minutes. However, the Jordan River that defines its eastern edge is large enough to effectively prevent a tank attack from Jordanian territory.

The Suez Canal: Like the Jordan River, the Suez Canal, which defines the edge of the Sinai Peninsula, is a waterway that presents an almost impenetrable barrier to an armored assault.



The defensible borders Israel secured with the territories occupied in 1967.