

Middle East Study Guide- Test

Describe the resources in the Middle East. Which are scarce... plentiful...

Oil - Plentiful

Water - scarce but most valuable

What are the 5 regions of the Middle East. Give a brief description.

Fertile Crescent, Northern Tier, Arabian Peninsula, Maghreb, Nile Valley

Be able to distinguish between the similarities and differences of the 3 religions of the Middle East. Use your notes, this is just a small part of what we covered.

Religion	Founder	Holy Book	Important people in everyday worship	# of followers	Important Cities to followers	Name of followers
Judaism	Abraham	Torah	Rabbi	14 million	Jerusalem	Jews
Christianity	Jesus	Holy Bible	Priest	2 billion	Jerusalem	Christians
Islam	Muhammed	Quran	Imam	1.3 billion	Mecca Jerusalem	Muslims

How are the religions similar?

All originate in the Middle East. All see Jerusalem as a Holy City.

List the 5 pillars of Islam in your own words

Pilgrimage to Mecca, Give Money to Poor, Pray 5 Times a day, Statement of Faith, Fast during Ramadan

What freedoms do the Qur'an offer to women?

Education, Inherit Property, Equality

Why do many women in the Middle East veil themselves?

Modesty according to the Quran.

Arab/Israeli Conflict- in ONE word, what are the groups fighting over? Who attempted to resolve this conflict?

Land --- United Nations

59. What is the Skyes- Picot Agreement?

Agreement between Britain & France into mandates

Causes: **End of WWI
Fall of Ottoman Empire**

Effects: Violence, war.

Define Zionism. - movement for the reestablishment of a Jewish nation in Palestine following WWII

Arab- Israeli Conflict

In ONE word, what is the basis of the Arab-Israeli conflict?

Land

What happened in 1947? Israel Created

Israel was created within what country? And where did those citizens (of the original country) have to move to?

Palestine Became refugees or moved to occupied territories

Causes (3): Zionism, End of WWII, Jewish Refugees following Holocaust

Effects (2) Death and ongoing Conflict

Unresolved Issues (4) - Control of Jerusalem

- Jewish Settlements in occupied Territories
- Water Rights
- Palestinian Refugees

Name the 3 occupied territories.

West Bank, Gaza Strip, Golan Heights

Who are the PLO? What is their goal? How do they sometimes achieve that goal?

Palestine Liberation Organization, Independent Palestine, Violence & Suicide Bombs

What is the intifada? What was the "weapon" of choice?

"Shaking" Palestinians attack Israeli Soldiers with rocks

What are the Oslo Accords?

Peace Agreement between Israel and Palestine

Who participated (people)?

U.S.

Israel

Palestine

What happened?

Both recognized each other, PLO would stop Attacks, Israel leave occupied territories

Iran has a rich history. What language do they speak? How do they "refer" to themselves? (ethnic group)

Persian or Farsi

Persian

What happened to 66 Americans in Iran for 444 in 1979?

Iranian Hostage Crisis

What is the world's biggest fear today regarding Iran?

Nuclear Weapons Program

Match the following events to their description.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Persian Gulf War

Iranian Revolution

Iran-Iraq War

Operation New Dawn

Iranian Revolution

This uprising was in response to the attempts of Shah of Iran's westernized (modernize) the nation.

Persian Gulf War

This war began when Iraq invaded Kuwait for the oil reserves- It was done with the support of many UN members- it lasted for about 100 days.

Iran-Iraq War

This war was fought for 8 years between two neighboring countries where more than 1 million people were killed.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

This was fought beginning in 2003 when the United States and Britain invaded Iraq because of the belief that the leader had weapons of mass destruction.

What did President Obama do in regards to US troops in Iraq in 2009? Polled Out

When did the final troops set to leave the area? December 15 2011

How many Americans were killed during the 8 year war? 4,425

In June of 2014, What did President Obama do to help Iraq with ISIS? Sends in 20,000 advisors

What started the "Arab Spring"? Street Vendor sets himself on fire in Tunisia

Protesters were looking for (list 3)

Freedom: Economic, Political, and Human Rights

How many nations have had changes in leadership? List countries in order

4 => Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen

How has the message gotten around the world? Social Media

Majority of Muslims in the world (85%) are Sunni, Majority of Iraq and Iran are Shia.

What does the Saudi government NOT allow women to do? (2 ideas)

Drive, Limited Voting Rights

Why is it a priority of the United States to promote peace in the Middle East?

Protect American Interests

Who/What is ISIS? What is the goal of the organization? Why is the world (the West and nations in the Middle East) so concerned with their goals?

Islamic State -- Radical Sunni Muslim group, Create Islamic Caliphate, violence against Westerners

Map- Be able to place the following countries on a map.

Egypt

Iraq

Saudi Arabia

Lebanon

Israel

Syria

Iran

Oman

Yemen