

Middle East (ME) Review

Study your vocabulary terms, list of leaders and maps for the Middle East.

I. Terms Vocabulary List plus SAVAK, Sharia, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Anaconda, Taliban, Hamas, Hezbollah, al Qaeda

II. Leaders of the Middle East Know the list of leaders

III. Places Review your map of the Middle East including the Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Persian Gulf, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, Yemen, Cairo, Jerusalem, Dubai, Mecca, Baghdad and Tehran

IV. Questions

1. What makes the ME a region?
2. What are the major physical features of the ME?
3. Why is the ME considered a crossroads?
4. How does the climate influence the ME?
5. What is the major resource of the ME and how has it influenced the ME?
6. What is OPEC? Which ME countries are members?
7. What percentage of land is under cultivation in the ME?
8. Where do the people live in the ME?
9. What are the different ethnic groups that live in the ME?
10. Why did the Ottoman Turk Empire fall? When?
11. Which countries were British territories? French territories?
12. What three major world religions began in the ME?
13. Why is Jerusalem important?
14. What are the two major branches of the Islamic religion?
15. What are the three major branches of Christianity?
16. What were the former names of the country which is today Israel?
17. Be able to discuss the events which led to the formation of the country of Israel and the events which have occurred since between Israel and the Arab World.
18. When was Israel formed? Why? Who established it?
19. Why was the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt unique? Who were the three leaders involved in the peace agreement?
20. Who were the PLO and what role did they play in the ME conflicts and move to peace?
21. Why is Israel building a wall around their country? How has this impacted their relationship with their neighbors and the people in the Palestinian territories?
22. Be able to discuss the events that have occurred in Lebanon.
23. Why were the US embassy personnel taken hostage in Tehran?
24. Who led the Iranian Revolution?
25. Discuss why fighting is occurring in Afghanistan. What was the USSR's involvement in Afghanistan? What did the US do to indicate our anger at the USSR's involvement? What was the USSR's response?
26. Discuss the events which led to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Why and how was the US involved?
27. What reasons did Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi government give for their occupation of Kuwait?
28. When did the war between Iraq and the Allied forces (including the US) begin? End?
29. Who are the Kurds? What is their goal?
30. What has been our involvement in Iraq for since 2002-2003? In Afghanistan since 2001? Do we still have troops in Iraq or Afghanistan today? Why or Why not?
31. Be able to discuss the "movement toward peace" (?) in the ME since 1993.
32. What is the Arab Spring and what started it? Which countries experienced or are still experiencing conflict? In which countries were the rulers overthrown?
33. Who is the Islamic State? What are their goals? How have they gotten their message out to the world and attracted people to join them?
34. What is happening in Syria?
35. Why do you think the ME is a shatter belt in so much conflict? What are contributing reasons?