

## TEST REVIEW: The Middle East

Directions: Following are questions that you should be able to answer in order to perform well on the Middle East Unit Test. The answers to these questions can be found on your maps, the outline notes from Chs. 21 & 22, Ch. 23 pgs. 532-533 (Case Study), any notes on the 3 religions of this region (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam), and the information from the “Arab-Israeli” Conflict videos.

- What bodies of water are important in the Middle East (rivers, gulfs, etc.)? What do they provide?
- What natural resources are important in the Middle East? Why?
- What problems and solutions exist for finding and storing water in the Middle East? What problems exist between nations regarding water use/overuse?
- What is desalinization and what does it provide to cities?
- What is modern life like on the Arabian Peninsula as a result of the oil boom?
- What does OPEC stand for? What is its purpose?
- What is the landscape like in the northern parts of the Middle East? What is it like in the southern parts?
- Which religion(s) consider Jerusalem to be a holy city?
- What is the importance of Ramadan to Islam? What are some rituals surrounding Ramadan?
- Which city are Muslims expected to journey to at least once in their lives? What is this celebration like once they get there?
- What similarities exist between the three main religions of the Middle East (look at your pretest and comparison table)?
- Which religion is most widely practiced in the Middle East?
- What is the fastest growing religion in the United States?
- What is the Torah, and why is it important to Jews?
- What are the Five Pillars of Islam (you don't have to know the official names; you have to describe the function of each pillar)?
- What is the main language spoken in the Middle East?
- Which European countries colonized much of the Middle East? What were they seeking?
- How has colonialism affected the Middle East? What issues exist today as a result of colonialism?
- How did the United Nations suggest dividing up the colony of Palestine in 1947 (UN Plan of Partition of 1947)?
- When was Israel founded?
- What is the basis of the ongoing Arab-Israeli conflicts? What do the Palestinians want? The Israelis? What are the Palestinians and Israelis willing to give up? What AREN'T they willing to give up? What is the “right of return”?
- What are some of the early inventions/creations from the ancient civilizations living in the Middle East? Why is the area called the “Fertile Crescent”? Why is it also known as the “Cradle of Civilization”?