

The Middle East

Outcome: Understanding the Conflict

1. Setting the Stage

- Fact: History has shown that humans will _____ for what they _____ in
- Crossroads for three major religions

i. _____:

- Israel/Palestine lie in the heart of the promised land of the _____
- Jewish _____ in Jerusalem destroyed by the _____
- Jesus was _____



ii. _____:

- Jesus was born in _____
- Jesus' lived in _____ (modern day Israel)
- _____ was sight of Jesus' _____



iii. _____:

- _____ and _____ are in modern day Iraq
- Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem site where Muhammad _____ into _____

2. Israel & Palestine: Conflict over land and religion

a. Palestine:

- An area that today includes _____ and the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories, as well as part of _____, and some of both Lebanon and _____
- Other names include _____, Zion, The _____

b. Palestinians:

- _____ - _____ people with family origins in Palestine
- Mostly _____
- Upset about _____ in Israel, West Bank, & Gaza Strip

c. Israel:

- The worlds only predominantly _____ state, roughly _____ million Jews
- Following the Holocaust, Jewish survivors sought refuge from _____ & _____

d. Conflict over land and religion

- _____ approved a partition of Palestine creating a _____ and _____ state
- Instead, the pre-Israel government, The Jewish Agency, _____ on May 14, 1948 and named their country _____
- The following day, the armies of _____ Arab countries—Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq- _____, launching the 1948 Arab–Israeli War
- Jews and Arab Muslims in the region have _____ since

v. The West Bank and the Gaza Strip:

- West Bank was originally called _____ and _____
- Major cause of _____ due to Israeli occupation since 1967
- Islamic group _____ now rules Gaza Strip. Israel left in 2005



3. US Involvement

a. Afghanistan Then and Now

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- i. Then: The _____
 1. _____ Afghanistan in 1979; US protest by _____ Moscow Olympics in 1980
 2. US secretly supplied Afghanistan freedom fighters with _____ (Film: *Charlie Wilson's War*)
 3. Afghanis were _____ to beat the mighty Soviet Army
 4. Last Soviet troops left in _____
 - ii. Now: The _____ & _____
 1. The Taliban: _____ that governed Afghanistan from 1996-2001 when overthrown by US; Has revived since 2004
 2. Very _____, especially to _____
 3. Fighting against the US and others with _____ weapons
 4. Supported by Pakistan and Iran but both countries _____ involvement
 5. Terrorism: _____ was head of Islamic terrorist group _____; primarily _____ in Afghanistan
 6. Al-Qaeda attacked US on _____
 7. Osama bin Laden was _____ in May 2011

b. Two Iraq conflicts

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- i. The _____ (Desert Storm): Aug 2, 1990 – Feb 28, 1991
 1. _____ invaded _____
 2. _____ a coalition force from 34 nations with purpose of expelling _____ forces from Kuwait
 3. Kuwait was _____ in Feb 1991, however _____ still ruled Iraq
 - ii. Iraq War: March 2003-Present
 1. Sent in to find Saddam Hussein's _____; _____ find any
 2. Changed goal to “ _____ ”
 3. Found _____ in a bunker; Iraqi's put him on trial and _____ him
 4. Still fighting _____: soldiers loyal to Saddam's army
 5. Trying to install a _____; takes time

c. Iran: future enemy?

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- i. President Mahmoud _____ has not shown he is an ally of America
 - ii. Ahmadinejad dislikes _____ and is a denier of the Holocaust (_____)
 - iii. May be building _____ weapons?



Result: _____ in the Middle East will not be easy to achieve. When cultures and religions clash, it becomes _____ to _____ a compromise that satisfies all sides. With dictatorships and violent histories already in place, it may be a _____ before the Middle East achieves peace.