

# 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 world's 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



- 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



- 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?



- 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.