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**SS7H2c – Modern Conflicts of SW Asia**

*Describe how land and religion plays a role in continuing conflicts in the Middle East (i.e. the division between Sunni and Shia Muslims, and Kurdish nationalism).*

Vocabulary:

  
Sunni Muslims – the \_\_\_\_\_ sect of Islam; those followers who believe the leaders of Islam should be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Shi'a Muslims – the \_\_\_\_\_ sect of Islam; those followers who believe the leaders of Islam should be from Muhammed's \_\_\_\_\_.  
Sect – a \_\_\_\_\_ of a religious group.  
Nationalism – the desire for political \_\_\_\_\_ for a culture group.

What?

  
\* Palestinians and Jews continue to be \_\_\_\_\_ toward each other today over control of the ' \_\_\_\_\_ Land.'  
\* Sunni Muslims are a sect of Islam who believe the religious \_\_\_\_\_ should be \_\_\_\_\_.  
\* Shi'a Muslims believe their leaders should be \_\_\_\_\_ family.  
Sunni and Shi'a all have the \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs in Allah, read the Qur'an, and follow the Five Pillars of Faith.  
\* Kurdish nationalism is the desire to form a new \_\_\_\_\_ for the Kurdish people. These people have been \_\_\_\_\_ in their countries for years.

So What?

  
+ The political borders drawn by European leaders have led to modern \_\_\_\_\_ between ethnic and \_\_\_\_\_ groups and also nationalist movements.

Now what?

  
# Invisible lines drawn on maps \_\_\_\_\_ people from each other... but they don't have to.

Review Questions

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Create a sentence, a phrase, and a word that explains how each group contributes to conflicts of land and religion:**

1. Division of Sunni and Shia: Sentence—

Phrase—

Word—

2. Kurdish Nationalism: Sentence—

Phrase—

Word—

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**SS7H2 Analyze continuity and change in Southwest Asia (Middle East).**

**d. Explain U.S. presence and interest in Southwest Asia, include the Persian Gulf conflict and invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.**

Vocabulary:



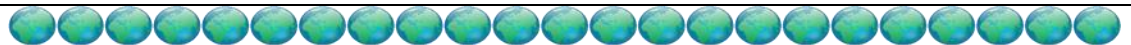
Petroleum – The \_\_\_\_\_ material extracted from the ground to produce \_\_\_\_\_ and oil.  
Gulf War – A war between the United States and \_\_\_\_\_ to free \_\_\_\_\_.  
Saddam Hussein – The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ during the Iraq wars.  
Taliban – A \_\_\_\_\_ government of Afghanistan that \_\_\_\_\_ terrorist groups like al-Qaeda.  
al-Qaeda – The \_\_\_\_\_ group, headed by Osama bin Laden, who carried out the 9/11 \_\_\_\_\_.  
Osama bin Laden – The \_\_\_\_\_ of al-Qaeda who led the 9/11 attacks.  
Afghanistan War – The US \_\_\_\_\_ to 9/11 which eliminated the Taliban government of Afghanistan and \_\_\_\_\_ down bin Laden.  
Coalition – An alliance of countries for combined action.  
WMDs- \_\_\_\_\_ of Mass Destruction including nuclear \_\_\_\_\_, chemical weapons, and biological weapons.

What?



\* U.S. interests in the Middle East are focused on \_\_\_\_\_; which the Middle Eastern nations took advantage of by placing an \_\_\_\_\_ on the U.S. for supporting the new country of Israel.  
\* Iraq dictator Saddam Hussein ordered the \_\_\_\_\_ of neighbor Kuwait for selling oil cheaply. The U.S., \_\_\_\_\_ of Kuwait, came to the country's defense along with the United Nations in the Gulf War in 1991.  
\* Osama bin Laden and his terrorist group, al-Qaeda, \_\_\_\_\_ hijacked airplanes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The U.S. declared \_\_\_\_\_ against Afghanistan's Taliban government for supporting terrorists.  
\* President George W. Bush believed there were \_\_\_\_\_ of Mass Destruction being built in Iraq and convinced the U.S. government to declare war against Iraq in 2003. No W.M.D.s were ultimately \_\_\_\_\_.

So What?



+ As long as the U.S. economy \_\_\_\_\_ on oil to transport goods, the U.S. will be interested and involved in the Middle \_\_\_\_\_.  
+ The Middle East is an \_\_\_\_\_ region with many \_\_\_\_\_-America leaders.

Now what?



# Don't ever assume you know the truth because someone \_\_\_\_\_ you something. Check and double check your \_\_\_\_\_. Look for incomplete facts, biases, opinions disguised as truths. Make informed decisions.

Review Questions

6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

**Boil it all down to one word: Why was the USA interested in the Middle Eastern nations during these times?**

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