

*United States &
the Middle East*

**A Current
Events
Unit**

PREVIEW

For Middle/ High School



The **Middle East** is an often misunderstood region of the world.



Currently, things are starting to change, even in Saudi Arabia. Slowly, women are being given more rights and freedom. Just last year, they were allowed to drive a car for the first time.



Iran and Iraq, two of the more powerful countries in the Middle East, were involved in a long war that lasted 8 years.



57-page book

Let's learn more about this area of the world and why the United States has maintained a strong relationship with its leaders.




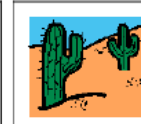




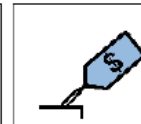

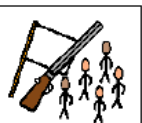


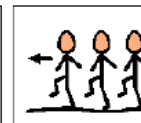

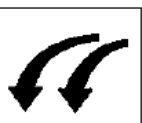
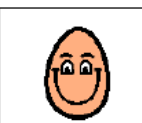





But, there have been times in history when things were not so good, and tensions began to rise (and so did the oil prices.)

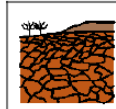




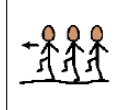


The Arab Spring which lasted into the spring of 2011, was a time of anti-government protests and armed rebellions.



 Middle East	 United States	 oil	 desert	 Muslim
 women	 religion	 family	 prices	 embargo
 war	 get along	 gas	 protest	 tension
 repeat that	 I like that	 I don't like that		

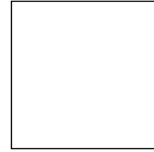
Vocabulary board

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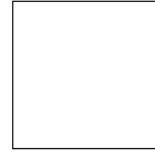
Saudi Arabia

Country in the Middle East in Western Asia that has the majority of the world's oil.



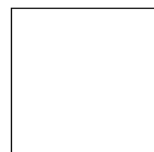
abaya

Long cloak and head cover that women in Saudi Arabia wear.



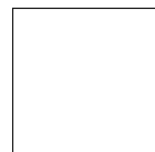
exports

Goods made in one country and sold to another.



wali

Male guardian of a woman in Saudi Arabia and is usually a father, brother, uncle or father.



Middle East

18 countries in Western Asia and Northern Africa.



Arab

Someone who either was born to someone who is Arab or someone who speaks Arabic language.



20 Vocabulary cards

arid

Having little to no rain.

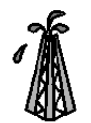


agriculture

Growing food and other plant products and then selling them.



oil



OPEC



embargo



Chemical weapons



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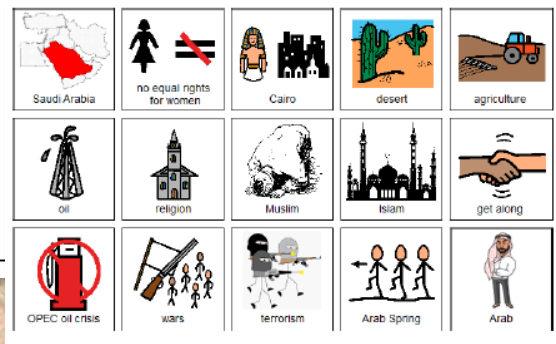
Year war where the US was fighting against terrorism in the Middle East.

People who follow the Islam religion. Most people in the Middle East are Muslim.

Male guardian of a woman in Saudi Arabia and is usually a father, brother, uncle or father.

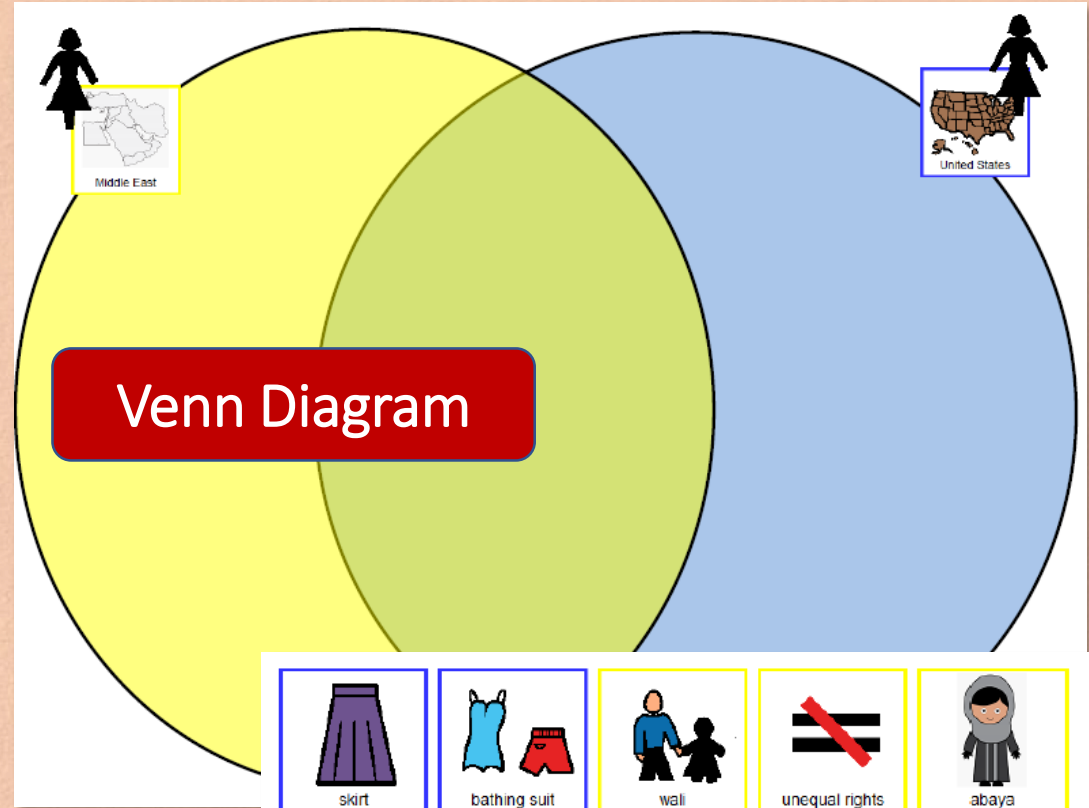
Violence against civilians for political or religious reasons.

2 Circle maps



Errorless version

Venn Diagram



With and without color coding



Timeline

1990

Persian Gulf War

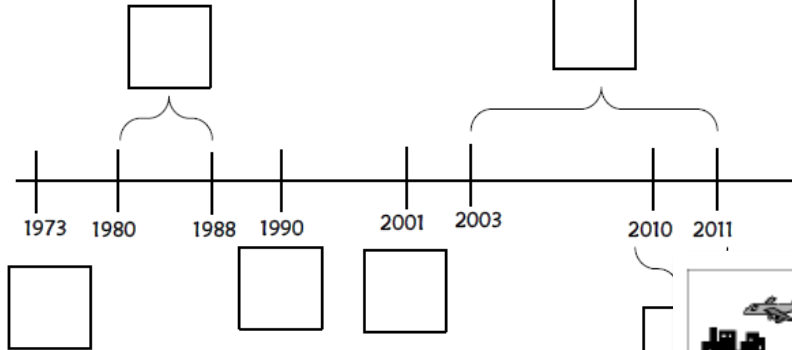
US comes in to protect Kuwait against Saddam Hussein.



Saddam Hussein



Time Line



Trace and color in the Middle East countries.














Map activities

Trace and color in the Middle East countries. Label and color in Saudi Arabia red. Label the Mediterranean Sea.

Mediterranean Sea








Saudi Arabia

Middle East

 Arab	 embargo				
 Arab Spring	 Saudi Arabia	 oil			
 Saudi Arabia				 abaya	 Arab Spring
 Arab	 Arab Spring			 embargo	
 oil		 abaya			

Sudoku puzzles
6x6 and 4x4

Middle East

 Saudi Arabia	 oil		
		 oil	
		 abaya	 Muslim
 Muslim			 oil

 Muslim	 Muslim	 Muslim	 oil	 oil
 Saudi Arabia	 Saudi Arabia	 abaya	 abaya	

 Arab	 Arab	 Arab	 Arab	 oil	 oil
 oil	 oil	 abaya	 abaya	 abaya	 abaya
 Saudi Arabia	 Saudi Arabia	 Saudi Arabia	 Saudi Arabia	 embargo	 embargo

Middle East

W	B	W	E	X	P	O	R	T	T	V	L
I	S	L	A	M	M	U	S	L	I	M	O
A	G	R	I	C	U	L	T	U	R	E	W
X	J	Z	E	M	B	A	R	G	O	O	A
A	R	A	B	S	P	R	I	N	G	I	L
O	P	E	C	A	B	A	Y	A	T	L	I
S	A	U	D	I	A	R	A	B	I	A	Z
G	C	A	I	R	O	A	R	I	D	L	M

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

- | | | |
|--------------|---------|-------------|
| ABAYA | CAIRO | OIL |
| SAUDI ARABIA | EMBARGO | OPEC |
| ARAB | EXPORT | AGRICULTURE |
| ARAB SPRING | ISLAM | WALI |
| ARID | MUSLIM | |

Word search

Relationship with the Middle East

Close worksheets

1. Our relationship with the Middle East has centered around

2. The main population of the Middle East are

3. The Middle East is where of the religions were born.

4. Most in the Middle East are and follow the religion of Islam.

5. The climate in the Middle East is mainly

and

Relationship with the Middle East

 hot	 Arabs	 oil	3	 dry	 Muslim
 exporter	 frustrated	 gas	 unequal	2	

1. The United States is very dependent on the Middle East for:



2. The main religion in the Middle East is:



3. This country produces MOST of the oil in the world:



4. During the OPEC oil crisis, gas was hard to find due to an:

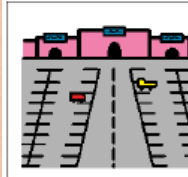


5. This was a short war where the US went to protect the smaller country of Kuwait:



Assessments 3 versions

Q 7



malls



video games



homes

Q 8



Tony Blair

- During the Arab Spring, people were fighting against the government and wanted better:
 - Malls
 - Video games
 - Homes
- He was a brutal leader who tried to take the oil supplies of other Middle Eastern countries:
 - Saddam Hussein
 - President of US
 - Tony Blair
- This is the clothing women in the Middle East wear to hide their beauty.
 - Skirt
 - Abaya
 - Ski outfit
- True or False. It is important that the United States and the Middle East keep a good relationship.
 - True
 - False
 - I don't know