

Asian Nations and Cultures

LHA 7th/8th Social Studies
and
World Geography

Six Regions of the Asian Continent

_____ East
Central Asia
Russia and the _____
East Asia
South Asia
South _____ Asia



Middle East

Countries include:

- Israel-Palestine
- _____
- Lebanon
- _____
- Palestine
- Iran
- _____
- Yemen
- Oman
- _____
- Saudi Arabia
- UAE - United Arab Emirates
- _____
- Bahrain



Geography of the Middle East

Mostly vast deserts except along coastlines

- Population dictated by water
 - Most people live near a river, lake or coast

Major bodies of water

- _____ Sea
- Mediterranean Sea
- Persian _____
- Gulf of Oman
- Gulf of _____

Population of the Middle East

Iran has more than _____ the population of any other

_____ in the Middle East

Middle East Population		452,748,183	
Rank	Countries	Population	% Of U.S.
1	Egypt	101,995,700	22.53%
2	Turkey	84,339,067	18.63%
3	Iran	83,805,675	18.51%
4	Iraq	40,063,400	8.85%
5	Saudi Arabia	34,719,000	7.67%
6	Yemen	29,710,300	6.56%
7	Syria	17,425,600	3.85%
8	Jordan	10,185,500	2.25%
9	UAE	9,869,000	2.18%
10	Israel	8,639,800	1.91%
11	Lebanon	6,830,600	1.51%
12	Palestine	5,148,249	1.14%
13	Oman	5,081,600	1.12%
14	Kuwait	4,259,500	0.94%
15	Qatar	2,113,000	0.47%
16	Bahrain	1,690,900	0.37%

History of the Middle East

The most ancient, _____ history of any other part of the world because of so many empires, wars, and religions

- Considered the “Cradle of _____”
- The [video](#) starts at 2500 BC, but it is known that Sumerians were the first people to have a developed civilization as far back as 4100 BC in _____ - Modern day Iran

Culture and Modern Life of the Middle East

Strongly related to religion

- Middle East is the birthplace of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
- 93% of population is Muslim
- Heavy importance on family and _____ that derive from having a strong _____: respect, honor, and loyalty

Economy of the Middle East

Oil Production and export

- Saudi Arabia _____ all countries
- Significantly impacts the _____ region through the wealth it _____ and the labor it _____

Reflection

What is something you found interesting about the middle east?

What questions do you still have about the Middle East?