

# **Study Guide Review**

# Vocabulary

- Ask yourself, WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Why did Ms. Matherly put this on the list for things I need to know?

# Judaism- religion

- Oldest Abrahamic religion
- 2000 BCE
- Abraham is the founder
- Torah=holy text
- Jews=followers
- Jerusalem, Israel=holy city
- Synagogue/ temples = place of worship

# Christianity- religion

- Abrahamic religion
- 33 CE
- Jesus is the founder
- Bible
- Christians
- Jerusalem, Israel
- Churches/ Chapels
- Believe Jesus was the Messiah/ savior

# Islam- religion

- Youngest Abrahamic religion
- 622 CE
- Muhammad is the founder
- Qur'an=holy book
- Muslims=followers
- Mecca, Saudi Arabia=holiest city
- Jerusalem=holy city
- Mosque=place of worship

# **Monotheistic**

- Belief in one god
- Judaism, Islam & Christianity are all monotheistic religions

# Polytheistic

- Belief in many gods
- Most religions before Judaism were polytheistic

# Sunni

- Sunni Islam
- A group of Islam
- Majority group
- Believe that Muhammad's successor doesn't need to be related to him
- Most Arabs are Sunni Muslims



# OPEC

- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- Control the price of oil on the world market

# Holy Texts

- Bible=Christianity
- Qur'an=Islam
- Torah=Judaism

# Mecca, Saudi Arabia

- This city is important because it is the holiest city in the Islamic faith

# Muhammad

- Founder of Islam

# Jesus

- Founder of Christianity
- The Savior/messiah

# Abrahamic

- Descending from Abraham
- 3 Abrahamic religions:  
Judaism, Christianity, Islam

# Arabs

- Ethnic group in the Middle East
- Most are Sunni Muslims & live in the Arabian Peninsula

# Abraham

- Founder of Judaism
- All three religions can trace back to him



# Shi'a

- Group of Islam
- Believe that the successor of Muhammad should be blood relative
- Minority group
- Most live in Iran & are Persian

# Bedouin

- Group of people who live in the Arabian desert
- Nomads

# Water scarcity

- The Middle East is a water scarce region of the world
- Water is not readily available in rain water or rivers or lakes
- Causing conflict

# Jerusalem, Israel

- The capital city of Israel
- A holy city for all three Abrahamic religions: Islam, Judaism, Christianity

# Persians

- Majority ethnic group in Iran
- Most practice Shi'a Islam

# Kurdistan

- Unofficial country of the Kurdish people (an ethnic group in the middle east)
- Where Turkey & Iraq's mountains meet

# Kurds

- Ethnic group in the Middle East
- Largest ethnic group without their own country
- Sunni Muslim
- Kurdistan

# Ethnic groups

- Ethnic groups can have many things in common: languages, appearance, history, food, clothing, holidays, etc.
- Arabs, Persians, Kurds



# Religious groups

- Group of who share a belief. The **ONLY** things they **MUST** have in common is belief
- Christians, Muslims & Jews

# Arabian Peninsula

- Area in the Middle East where most Arabs live
- Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, etc.



# dams

- Conflict occurs in the Middle East because of water scarcity. Countries will build dams on the Euphrates & Tigris, angering countries downstream; water is very limited in that part of the world so many countries often fight over the little water that is available.
- Israel & Jordan
- Turkey & Syria
- Syria & Iraq

# Diaspora

- spreading out of the Jewish people from Israel

# Geography

## Word Bank

- The West Bank
- The Gaza Strip
- Israel
- Jerusalem
- Baghdad
- Mecca
- Tehran

Turkey	Saudi Arabia
Israel	UAE
Lebanon	Pakistan
Yemen	Oman
Iraq	Jordan
Qatar	Egypt
Afghanistan	Kuwait
Iran	Syria

- The Jordan River
- Euphrates River
- Tigris River
- Suez Canal
- Persian Gulf
- Arabian Sea
- Strait of Hormuz

# Environment

Short Answers

# Where do most people choose to live in the Middle East? How do physical features impact where people live?

- Near big cities or fresh water sources
- People want to live near these areas because it makes life easier.
- There are less people in the desert because it hard to live there.

# Why are dams important in the Middle East? How do they cause conflict between countries? What countries SPECIFICALLY do they cause conflict between?

- Dams are located on the Euphrates & Tigris rivers in the Middle East
- Dams are built because water is scarce and countries want to keep the little amount of water available to themselves
- Building dams upstream cause conflict with countries who are downstream
- Turkey & Syria
- Syria & Iraq



# What does the word irrigation mean and an example of modern irrigation?

- Irrigation is how water gets from the source to place it needs to be used, usually farmland or neighborhoods
- Pipes

**What does OPEC mean? Explain the primary function of OPEC.**

- **Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries**
- **To control the price of oil on the world market**

# Explain how unequal access to water impact irrigation and drinking water.

- water is scarce in the Middle East, meaning they have unequal access to water. The only access is mainly fresh water sources: lakes & rivers
- **Irrigation-** if you live far away from a fresh water resource, irrigation becomes difficult
- **Drinking water-** if you live far away from a fresh water resource, finding drinking water is very difficult & makes life more difficult

# **Describe how the deserts and rivers of SW Asia impact trade and affect where people live.**

- **Deserts-** hard to trade in because there are no roads, Bedouins live & trade here.
- **Rivers-** scarce in the Middle East, but make trade much easier & people want to live near them.

# Culture

Short Answers

# What is a religious group? What must you have in common to share a religious group?

- Religious groups only have to have BELIEF in common
- Muslims, Islam
- Christian, Christianity
- Jews, Judaism

# What is monotheism?

- The belief in one god
- All three Abrahamic religions are monotheistic

# What are the 3 main monotheistic religions in the Middle East?

- Islam
- Christianity
- Judaism



# **What are similarities and differences between these religious groups? (Include holy texts, places of worship, important cities and people, and more)**

## **Compare Judaism & Christianity**

- Judaism is older (2000 BCE), Christianity is newer (33 CE)
- Abraham in common
- Torah & the Old Testament
- Christians believe Jesus was the messiah/savior

**Put the following religions in order from youngest to oldest: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.**

- **Islam- 622 CE**
- **Christianity- 33 CE**
- **Judaism- 2000 BCE**

# Explain the differences between an ethnic group and a religious group.

- Ethnic groups have many things in common: languages, history, clothing, holidays celebrated, religion possibly, etc.
- Religious groups **ONLY** have to have **BELIEF** in common.

# Describe the diversity of religions within our 3 main ethnic groups found in Southwest Asia.

- The 3 main ethnic groups in the Middle East are the Arabs, Persians & the Kurds. All are located in the Middle East, but are different in their cultures & beliefs.
- Kurds & Arabs=Sunni Muslims
- Persians=Shi'a Muslims
- All 3 are Muslims