




MIDDLE EAST STORY MAP


Materials needed: blank M.E. Map, pencil, and colored pencils.


Legend: all colors and symbols included w/ explanation


1. Draw a crescent moon and star in the countries that are **monarchies** with a slight **theocratic** state. Theocratic state is when a country recognizes and follows a specific religion. Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE.  


2. Label Iran and Syria with a  for an authoritarian government. A country that is governed by a single-party hierarchy that does not allow for effective popular opposition. Iran's single party is theocratic-Shia' Islam.

3. Label Turkey with a  identifying it as a **secular** state. Also draw a fez .

4. Draw an oil derrick  for the **refineries** in the following **OPEC** countries. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) members are Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE. (also Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Libya, Nigeria and Venezuela) OPEC is an **cartel**.

5. Draw a Persian (Aladdin) rug  in the country of Iran, formerly known as Persia. Most Persians speak the language **Farsi**. Write "Farsi" on the rug.

6. Draw a hollow sun  over the state of Israel, signifying that it is considered the **Holy Land** to 3 major religions. (Judaism, Christianity and Islam). The Holy Land is the cultural hearth for them.

7. Draw a warship, w/ a flag with a cross on it , in the Mediterranean Sea pointing toward the "Holy Land". The **Crusades**, 1096 – 1270, were attempts of Christian Europeans to regain the land from the Muslims.

8. Put a purple dot & label the cities of Jerusalem, Tehran, Kabul, Beirut, Ankara, Riyadh, Mecca, Istanbul, Damascus and Baghdad.


9. Put a yellow circle around Jerusalem. An old international city that is divided into quarters: Jewish (**Wailing Wall**), Christian, (**Jesus' tomb**) Muslim (**Dome of the Rock**) and Armenian. Put a

yellow circle around **Mecca**. Birthplace of Muhammad and the direction all Muslims must pray 5 times a day. Also, draw a tent. Millions make a **pilgrimage /hajj** to Mecca each year.


10. Draw a road that begins in Istanbul (formerly Constantinople) connects through Baghdad, Tehran and Kabul and continues eastward. This is the **Silk Road**. The world's oldest trade route connecting goods from the Far East to Europeans.

11. Write the word "**KURDS**" at the intersection of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria. The Kurds are a stateless nation. They would like to achieve their independence.



12. Draw a military tank on Iraq  to represent the 1990 **Persian Gulf War**. This military action was UN sanctioned after Iraq illegally invaded Kuwait. Label the **Persian Gulf**.



13. Draw wheat stalks  in **Mesopotamia**, the area between the Tigris and Euphrates map. One of the 4 earliest civilizations. Label the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.



14. Draw a salt shaker  in Saudi Arabia. 50 % of municipal water comes from **desalinization plants**. Uses up to 65% of domestic oil annually for Saudi Arabia. Very expensive.

15. Find and label **]]** the Bosphorus, Dardanelles, Suez Canal, Strait of Hormuz and the Khyber Pass as **choke points**. Strategic location points that are narrow closely supervised militarily.

16. In the southern portion of the **Arabian Peninsula/Desert**, label the desert area **Rub' al Khali**, meaning "**the empty quarter**" because no human, animal or plant life lives there. Use red.

17. Label the countries using a dark color: Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Cyprus, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Oman and Yemen.

18. Label these countries with a light color: Egypt, Libya, Somalia & Russia