

### Regional Outline for Middle East

|                     | 8000 – 600 CE  | 600 – 1450 CE   | 1450-1750 CE  | 1750 – 1914 CE  | 1914 - Present  |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Politics            | -city-state<br>- controlled city and surrounding area  | Caliphs<br>-political unrest<br>-succession<br>-problem<br>Islam-Theocratic Rulers-<br>codified Islamic law                                 | Sultan<br>-Provincial gov't<br>-centralized power   | -Ottoman decline<br>-centralized, but<br>-not around economy  | -Turkish state<br>-Sultan kicked out<br>Ataturk- father of the Turks  |
| Economy             | Trade<br>-great traders<br>-agricultural   | Participated in trade<br>-Trans Sahara Trade<br>-Silk Road/Route<br>-Indian Ocean Trade   | -Initially dominated trade (beginning)<br>-Indian Ocean, African Coast  | -Trade still go on<br>-no longer dominant traders/master traders  | WWI- join central power (lost)<br>-“Attempted”<br>Industrialization<br>-Iran, Iraq- Oil supply  |
| Social Class/Gender | -Men work (more freedom)<br>-Women confined to home<br>-Slavery (owned slaves)<br>-from E.Africa   | Education- more opportunities<br>Women- married at puberty<br>- equal before Allah  | Harems established<br>-female slaves, women had some rights<br>Social Class: 1)Sultan<br>2)Gov't Officials 3)Reg Officials 4)General people (peasants, Merchants..) | Women<br>-stayed same, had some property rights<br>-not really property of men<br>-hardly any rights<br>-devalued                             | Women<br>-Even with pressure from West. Stayed same<br>-negative effect, treatments<br>-still had to wear the clothes to cover the whole body |
| Science/Inventions  | -Independent innovations<br>-4000BCE Bronze, Copper<br>-Wheel, irrigation canals<br>-number system (from India, improved)<br>-Navigation tools | Mathematics<br>-Algebra, Geometry...etc<br>Science -Objective experiment<br>-classification<br>-navigation: astrolabe improved<br>-Medicine | Military Tech<br>-canons, guns<br>-advanced medically<br>-Medicines<br>-Science- navigation tools, astronomy  | -Affected by western science<br>-overtaken (no longer dominant<br>-stayed isolated  | -Fall of USSR<br>-start accepting west influence  |
| Art/Architecture    | Architecture<br>-Ziggurats<br>-glory of civilization   | -Calligraphy, designs<br>-Minarets<br>-Mosques<br>-Literature<br>-Poetic works: Arabian Nights”   | -Mosques<br>-Minarets<br>-Mosaics   | Arts<br>-still had Mosques<br>-Minarets<br>-Mosaics<br>-styles still there, but<br>-due to decline of empire, corruption, little time for art | Arts<br>-still have, but not much developments<br>improvements  |
| Empire              | Regional Kingdom<br>-Babylonians<br>-Acadians...etc  | -Islamic<br>-regular civil wars<br>-1258 Mongols overran Islamic empire   | Ottoman Empire<br>-“Gunpowder Empire”<br>-Safavid Persia  | “Sick man of Europe”<br>-decline of Ottoman Empire<br>-Balkans<br>-seeking independence   | Young Turks<br>-Secularization, sciences technology<br>-Iran vs Iraq<br>-Turkey formed  |
| Religion            | -Polytheistic<br>-Animistic<br>-Many gods  | Islam<br>-Suffi's<br>-respect for Jews/Christians<br>-People of the book  | Islam<br>-divided<br>-Sunni vs. Shi'a   | Islam<br>-still the unifying force<br>-tensions between Sunni vs. Shi'a still occur<br>-still tolerant of other religions to some extent      | Islam<br>-more focused on religion<br>-tried to become like before  |

