

6. What event in 1948 precipitated a string of wars in the Middle East in the second half of the 20th century?
7. In which country was an American backed leader overthrown by Muslim fundamentalists and American hostages were taken at the US embassy?
8. Which two countries fought a long war in the 1980s?
9. The US intervened in the region in the Gulf War in 1990 when Iraq invaded _____.
10. Many experts see the events of September 11th as a “clash of civilizations”. What does this mean and how does it connect to our current unit?
11. Since September 11th, the US has led invasions and costly economic and political reconstructions in what two countries?
12. What are distorted cultural stereotypes that both sides (the West and the Middle East ve of each other)?
13. This region produced what three global religions?
14. What do **YOU** think would be defining cultural traits of the Middle East? List 6.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.

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Chapter 2

Computerized Activities

2.1 Mapping Culture Regions in the Middle East

1. A blank map of the general vicinity of your region should pop up. Using the mouse, draw a line around what you consider to be “the Middle East” and click “save my initial view”.

1. Next 9 different possible maps will pop up on the right column as cultural variables of the Middle East. Turn these different maps off and on and see how the definition of the region changes. List these 9 variables below:

2.

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10.

2. Compare them to your answers in #14. Are yours similar different/ how?

3. From the 9 variables, select three that you think BEST define the region. What are those three?

1.

2.

3.

4. Why do you think these three variables BEST represent the culture of the region?

5. Now turn on these three chosen layers all at the same time. Regions that overlap are progressively shaded. The darkest shadings therefore will be where all three layers overlap.

6. The area of maximum overlap could be considered the core of the region. Print this view of your map and attach it to your lab.

7. How closely do the boundaries of your three variables agree? What does this say about the presence of a domain in the Middle East?

8. What country would you consider core?

9. What country would consider domain?

10. What country would you consider sphere?