

Regional Outline for Middle East

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

