

Geography 242

Geography of the Middle East

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Texts: Colbert C. Held, *Middle East Patterns, People, Places, and Politics, Fourth Edition*

Gilbert, Martin, *The Routedge Atlas of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, Seventh Edition*

National Geographic Atlas of the Middle East

1. **Introduction** (Chapter 1 and Slide Set 1)
 - A. The Paradigms of Geography
 - B. Defining the Middle East
 - C. Subregions of the Middle East

2. **Physical Geography - Geomorphology** (Chapter 2 and Slide Set 2)
 - A. Earthquakes and Volcanos
 - B. Water Bodies
 - C. Three Major Landform Regions (Northern Highlands, Central Middle East, Arabian Peninsula)
 - D. Middle Eastern rivers and water schemes

3. **Physical Geography - Climatology** (Chapter 2 and Slide Set 3)
 - A. Five Factors in Middle East Climate
 - B. Elements of Middle East Climate
 - C. Koppen Climate Classification and Climographs
 - D. Changing Middle Eastern Climates

4. **Historical Geography** (Chapter 3 and Slide Set 4)
 - A. Sequent Occupance
 - B. Empire after Empire

5. **Population Geography** (Chapter 4 and Slide Set 5)
 - A. Data Problems
 - B. Population Distribution
 - C. Demographic Indices
 - D. Problems and Advantages of Population Growth
 - E. Demographic Transition Theory
 - F. Population Pyramids
 - G. Migration

6. **Peoples of the Middle East** (Chapter 4 and Slide Set 6)
 - A. Race
 - B. Language

7. **Religions of the Middle East** (Chapter 4 and Slide Set 7)
 - A. Important of Religion
 - B. Separation of “Church” and State”
 - C. The Israeli Election System
 - D. World Religions
 - E. Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Other Religions

8. **Ethnic Groups** (Chapter 4 and Slide Set 8)
 - A. Arabs, Turks, Persians, others
 - B. Situation in Cypress

9. **Urban Geography I - Themes** (Chapter 4 and Slide Set 9)
 - A. Ancient Cities
 - B. Greek and Islamic Influence
 - C. Internal Structure of the City
 - D. World and Middle East City Size
 - E. Primate Cities
 - F. Megalopolitan Growth
 - G. Port Cities and Capital Cities
 - H. City Growth and Urban Problems

10. **Urban Geography II - Representative Cities** (Chapter 4 and Slide Set 10)
 - A. Cairo
 - B. Jerusalem
 - C. Damascus and Aleppo
 - D. Istanbul
 - E. Tehran
 - F. Baghdad
 - G. Kuwait City
 - H. Israeli New Towns (Beersheva)

11. **Middle East Agriculture** (Chapter 5 and Slide Set 11)
 - A. Agriculture Location Theory (von Thunen)
 - B. Importance of Middle Eastern Agriculture
 - C. Land Ownership Issues
 - D. Crop Types
 - E. Irrigation Issues
 - F. Animals

12. **Middle Eastern Natural Resources - Oil, Natural Gas, Other Minerals** (Chapter 6 and Slide Set 12)
 - A. Production and Supply
 - B. History of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry
 - C. Consumption of Oil and Natural Gas
 - D. Transportation of Oil
 - E. Other Minerals

13. **Manufacturing and Transportation** (Chapter 7 and Slide Set 13)
- A. Industrial Location Theory (Weber)
 - B. Diversification of Economies
 - C. Historical Perspective on Middle Eastern Manufacturing
 - D. Seven Middle Eastern Economic Zones (Nile Delta, Levant, Turkey, Western Iran, Iraq, Gulf, Saudi Arabia)
 - E. Transportation and Trade
14. **Political Geography - Geopolitics** (Chapter 8 and Slide Sets 14 - 15)
- A. MacKinder and Spykman (Heartland and Rimland)
 - B. States and Nations and Supranationalism
 - C. Shapes of States
 - D. Types of Boundaries
 - E. Boundary Disputes
 - F. Strategic Straits
15. **Political Geography - Situations** (Chapter 8 and Slide Set 16)
- A. Lebanon Civil War (1975-1991)
 - B. Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)
 - C. Persian Gulf War (Iraq Invasion of Kuwait) (1990 - 1991)
 - D. Iraq Invasion by US (2003 -)
16. **Political Geography - The Arab-Israeli Conflict** (Chapter 8)
- A. Historical Geography Before 1880 (Abraham to the Ottomans) (Slide Set 17)
 - B. Historical Geography 1880 - 1920 (Ottomans to End of World War I) (Slide Set 18)
 - C. Historical Geography 1920 - 1947 (End of World War I, Mandate Period, Holocaust, End of World War II) (Slide Set 19)
 - D. Historical Geography 1947 - 1949 (Slide Set 20)
 - 1. Partition of Palestine
 - 2. Results of the 1948 War (territorial changes, two sets of refugees)
 - E. Historical Geography 1949 - 1972 (End of 1948 War to Build Up to 1983 War) (Slide Set 21)
 - 1. 1956 Sinai Campaign
 - 2. 1967 Six Day War and UN Resolution 242
 - 3. War of Attrition 1969-1970
 - 4. Formation of the PLO and Terrorism
 - F. Recent Events (Slide Set 22)
 - 1. Yom Kippur War (1973)
 - 2. Movement toward Peace and Camp David I
 - 3. Intifada I (1987)
 - 4. Gulf War and Oslo
 - 5. Camp David II
 - 6. Intifada II, Gaza Withdrawal, Israel-Hezbollah War

Course Grading

| Category | Chapters | Slide Sets | Number of Points |
|------------|----------|------------|------------------|
| Midterm | 1 - 4 | 1 -10 | 100 |
| Final | 5 - 8 | 11 - 22 | 100 |
| Map Quiz | | | 50 |
| Attendance | | | 50 |
| Total | | | 300 |

1. A list of places that you need to know for the map questions is attached.
2. You must bring a number two pencil to each exam.
3. If your native language is not English, you may bring a translation dictionary to the exams.
4. If at all possible, I will check my e-mail at 11:30 PM the night before each exam.
5. PowerPoint presentations are on Blackboard. Students are encouraged to print out the presentations and bring them to class (courses.miami.edu).
6. Incompletes are given only as prescribed in the Bulletin. Incompletes are not given so that the student can avoid a failing grade. No extra credit is available to any student under any circumstances.
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9. Eduplace.com has good outline maps.

Places to Know for Map Quiz

Countries

Afghanistan
Algeria
Bahrain
Egypt
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Morocco
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Tunisia
Turkey
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

Cities

Abu Dhabi
Alexandria
Algiers
Amman
Ankara
Aswan
Baghdad
Basra
Beirut
Cairo
Casablanca
Damascus
Istanbul
Jerusalem
Kirkuk
Kuwait City
Mecca
Medina
Mosul
Muscat
Rabat
Riyadh
Sana
Tehran
Tel Aviv
Tripoli
Tunis

Rivers

Euphrates
Jordan
Nile
Shatt al Arab
Tigris

Water Bodies

Arabian Sea
Bab el Mandeb Straits
Dead Sea
Gulf of Aqaba
Persian Gulf
Red Sea
Straits of Hormuz
Suez Canal

Mountains

Atlas
Hejaz
Zagros

Deserts

Arabian
Libyan
Negev
Rub al Khali
Sahara

Islands

Cyprus

Other

Gaza Strip
Golan Heights
Sinai Peninsula
West Bank