

Study Guide—Introduction and Part I

Vocabulary: Be sure that you understand these key terms from the Introduction and Part I of your reading. Circle terms that you do not know.

ethnicities	imperialism	industrial economies
minority populations	nationalism	domestic supplies
urban	infrastructure	geopolitical
global economy	self-determination	Zionism
commerce	international system	independent
missionaries	mandates	partition
colonialism		

Questions:

1. Where does the term “Middle East” come from?
2. List three reasons the United States maintains an active role in the Middle East.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
3. The Middle East is the birthplace of what three religions?
4. What two factors weakened the Ottoman Empire?
5. What was the Sykes-Picot Accord?

6. Why did Arab leaders support President Wilson's principle of self-determination after World War I?

7. What were the mandates?

8. a. What is Zionism?

b. What are the origins of Zionism?

9. What do Israelis and Palestinians often call the war of 1948?

Israelis:

Palestinians:

10. Why were some U.S. government officials concerned by U.S. support for Israel after World War II?

Advanced Study Guide—Introduction and Part I

1. How did World War I and the peace conference that followed shape the “outlines of today’s Middle East”?
2. Why did World War II prompt U.S. leaders to pay greater attention to the oil resources of the Persian Gulf region?
3. How did the 1948 War set the stage for long-term conflict in the Middle East?

Part I: Graphic Organizer

Instructions: Use Part I of the reading to answer the questions below.

Self-Determination

Define self-determination:

Who favored it?

Imperialism

Define imperialism:

Which countries were the imperial powers in the Middle East during and after World War I?:

Oil

When and why did Middle Eastern oil become an important factor in international relations?

Sykes-Picot Accord

What was the Sykes-Picot Accord?

Which countries signed the Sykes-Picot Accord?

The Mandate System

What was the justification for the mandate system?

Which countries fell under British or French control?

British:

French: