

Wars in the Middle East

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Summary

This book is about conflicts in the Middle East and the reasons behind them.

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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.

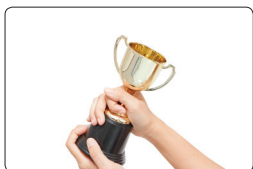


1. What are many people from Western Asia called? _____
2. What word can we use to describe Muslims, Christians, and Buddhists? _____
3. Who follows the religion of Islam? _____
4. What sometimes happens when people disagree? _____

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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• a. bomb

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• b. majority

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• c. peace

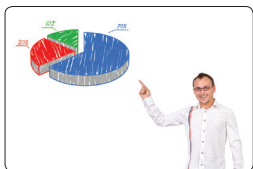
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• d. solve

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• e. Sunni Muslim

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• f. reward

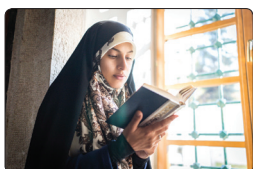
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• g. conflict

8.



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• h. afterlife

B Write the word for each definition.

religious

Islam

sacrifice

ISIL

tension

1. _____ the religion of Muslims started by the prophet Muhammad
2. _____ relating to a belief system or world view
3. _____ Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant
4. _____ the act of giving up something
5. _____ a feeling of fear or anger between people or countries

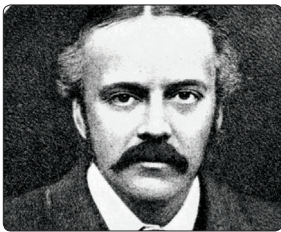
C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. The majority branch of Muslims believe that Abu Bakr should have been the leader after Muhammad.
 - a. Shias
 - b. Arabs
 - c. Sunnis
 - d. ISILs
2. A world of peace is better than a world of fear, suspicion, and hate.
 - a. reward
 - b. sacrifice
 - c. violent
 - d. distrust
3. In 1947, Palestine was split into Arab and Jewish areas.
 - a. divided
 - b. solved
 - c. rewarded
 - d. majority
4. In protest of foreign soldiers being in the Middle East, cities have been hit by explosive devices.
 - a. liberated
 - b. bombed
 - c. disagreed
 - d. religious

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. When the USA entered Iraq and Afghanistan, many people were angry.
- b. In 1917, Lord Balfour offered support for a Jewish homeland.
- c. Talking to one another is one way to solve religious and political conflicts.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. Who was the founder of Islam?
 - a. Muhammad
 - b. Abu Bakir
 - c. Ali ibn Abi
 - d. Lebanon
2. What is the name of the Jewish state?
 - a. Afghanistan
 - b. Israel
 - c. Palestine
 - d. Iraq
3. What happened after the Six Day War in 1967?
 - a. Shias became the majority in Iraq.
 - b. The British fought the Ottomans.
 - c. Peace was reached in the Middle East.
 - d. Israel more than doubled in size.

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. A traditional Muslim family
- b. Foreign troops in the Middle East
- c. Praying for peace
- d. Tension between the Shia and Sunni
- e. A traditional Jewish family



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ Sunni Muslims are the majority of the Muslim population.
2. _____ Shia and Sunni Muslims live in peace with one another.
3. _____ Groups like Al Qaeda and ISIL want to create a new Islamic state.
4. _____ Israel became a state in 1917.
5. _____ There have been many talks to try and find peace in the Middle East.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Shias and Sunnis share many of the same _____ practices.
reward religious
2. Shia Muslims think more about rewards in the _____.
afterlife sacrifice
3. Foreigners on ancient Middle Eastern land has caused _____ to grow.
tension belief
4. Most people in the Middle East dislike the _____ methods of Al Qaeda and ISIL.
peaceful violent
5. Lord Balfour offered the Arabs a(n) _____ state in Palestine.
Shia independent

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Groups like Al Qaeda and ISIL grew in popularity.
- b. _____ Tensions grew between the two Muslim branches.
- c. _____ Sunni and Shia Muslims disagreed on who should lead the religion.
- d. _____ The USA entered Iraq and Afghanistan.
- e. _____ Muhammad began the religion of Islam.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
Jewish people and _____ are in disagreement about who should control the area called Palestine.	Lord Balford offered the Arabs _____ and support for a Jewish homeland in the same area.	Israel became a state on _____.	The Arabs got about 43% of Palestine and the Jews got 57%, with both sharing parts of the city of _____.	All sides believe they are right, and many of these people will die for their _____.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.