



Unit Title: Culture in the Middle East

Enduring Understanding: How ethnicity, culture and religion influence our perception of the world.

Standards to Address in Unit:
SS7G8 The student will describe the diverse cultures of the people who live in Southwest Asia (Middle East).
 a. Explain the differences between an ethnic group and a religious group.
 b. Explain the diversity of religions within the Arabs, Persians, and Kurds.
 c. Compare and contrast the prominent religions in Southwest Asia (Middle East): Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.
 d. Explain the reason for the division between Sunni and Shia Muslims.
 e. Evaluate how the literacy rate affects the standard of living.
SS7G7 The student will explain the impact of location, climate, physical characteristics, Distribution of natural resources and population distribution on Southwest Asia (Middle East).
 b. Describe how the deserts and rivers of Southwest Asia (Middle East) have affected the population in terms of where people live, the type of work they do, and how they travel.

ASSESSMENTS:

Diagnostic: Use Geography Unit test to influence areas of reteaching	Formative: 3 minute pauses, culture quilt	Summative: mini quiz from CRCT book
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Essential Questions:
 Explain how culture, religion and ethnicity impact how people act and where they live in the Middle East?

Objectives:

1. Explain how geography impacts the Middle East?	2. What is culture? Explain Culture in your own words.	What is the difference between an ethnic group and religious group?	4. What are the fundamental beliefs of Judaism?	5. Why do we study Judaism when most of the Middle East is Muslim?
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STANDARD-EQ- VOCAB	Desalinization, Fresh water, Water pollution, distribution, Arid, Desert, Arable Land, Agriculture, OPEC, Oil, irrigation	Culture, beliefs, ethnicity	Religious group, Ethnic Group	Judaism, Zionism, Holocaust, Jews, Abraham	Judaism, Zionism, Holocaust, Jews, Abraham

Warm-up Getting students ready to learn	Distribute Tests and paragraphs for discussion on missed questions.	Define culture, ethnicity and beliefs	Define ethnic group and religious group	Think about it: Does your religion affect your view on life, family and culture?	Answer Why do we study Judaism when most of the Middle East is Muslim?
Lesson Releasing students to do the work	*Review Middle East Geography Test	*Culture Quilt project	*Reading and lesson on the difference and similarity between religious and ethnic groups *Questions on Ethnicity and religious group	*PowerPoint on differences between Ethnicity and Religion. *Introduce Judaism	* Video on Judaism *Group discussion on Judaism
Wrap-up Helping students make sense of their learning	Have students access if we answered the Standard from the Geography Unit.	Describe how culture, ethnicity and beliefs influence our daily life	*Review questions	Venn diagram on religion and ethnic groups	List three things that believe
Homework		Finish Culture Quilt Project			