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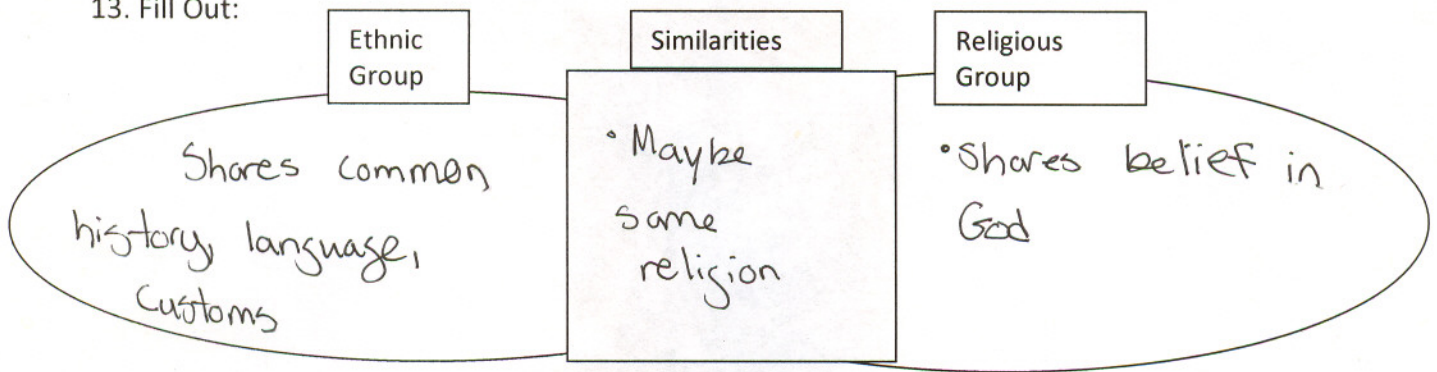
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Culture and History:

12. Define Culture:

Peoples basic beliefs and customs

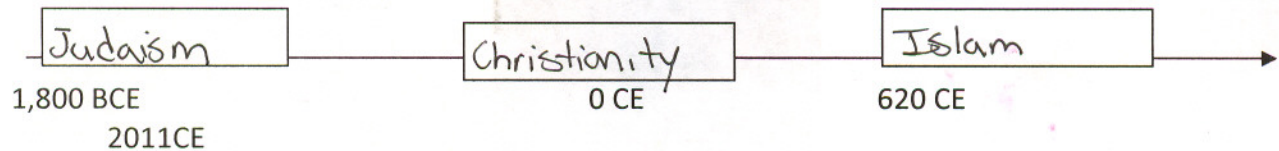
13. Fill Out:



14. What are the Abraham Religions and why are they called that?

Judaism, Christianity, & Islam, because Abraham is the Patriarch

15. Fill in the Timeline Below to match the Abrahamic Religions:



16. Judaism is the world's first monotheistic religion which means that Jews only believe in one God.

17. What country do most Jews live in the Middle East and why is this country so special to them? Israel is special because Jews believe God promised it to them.

18. Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God.

19. Because Jesus was born in the Roman Empire many roads which went through the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe helped spread Christianity.

20. What City and Country did Islam start in?

Mecca, Saudi Arabia

21. What are the 5 pillars, or basic obligations, of Islam?

1. Declaration of Faith
2. 5 times daily Prayer
3. Alms giving
4. Hajj (trip to Mecca)
5. Rammadan

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22. Who is the prophet in Islam?

Muhammad

23. In Islam there are two types of Muslims the Sunni and the Shia.

24. Most of the Muslims in the world are Sunni Muslims, but most of the Muslims in Iran are Shia Muslims.

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| Sunni | Similarities | Shia |
|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caliph must be strong religious leader 85-90% of Islam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Islam• 5 pillars | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• leader must be descendant/related to Muhammad 10-15% of Islam |

26. European Politicians decided the boundaries of the former Ottoman Empire.

27. The Main religion in the Ottoman Empire was Islam, but Jews and Christians lived there too.

28. What did Europeans NOT consider when they decide to break up the Ottoman Empire?

Ethnic & Religious groups living there

29. During the Holocaust 11 million Europeans died and 6 million were Jewish.

30. What world organization decide to give Jewish people the land of Israel and WHY?

UN because of Jewish suffering during the Holocaust

31. Neighboring Arab countries who mostly practiced the Islamic faith helped the Palestinians who used to live in Israel, because they shared a religion and Language with them and not the Jews.

32. The Palestinians land since the creation of the State of Israel has become smaller and now all Palestinians live in the GAZA strip or the West Bank. As a result Israel was larger than originally planned.

33. The most important natural resource in the Middle East is oil, because countries that have this are rich.

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Government:

34. In 2001 the United States invaded Afghanistan because they believed the government of Afghanistan was offering safety to Al-Qaeda.

35. In 2003 the United States went to war with Iraq because they believed Iraq was creating Nuclear Weapons and helping Al-Qaeda.

36. Iraq has many Ethnic and Religious groups which have made it difficult for the new government to form.

37. Almost all the countries in the Middle East have large oil deposits EXCEPT Israel.

38. In general as Literacy rates go Up national wealth or GDP also goes UP.

39. Israel is the country in the Middle East which has developed strong technology as a result of having little oil.

40-41. Match the definition with the vocab word:

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|-----------------------|--|
| <u>Specialization</u> | Producing goods that a country can easily making and trading for goods a country cannot easily make. |
| <u>legislative</u> | Branch of Government responsible for making and carrying out laws. |
| <u>Monarchy</u> | Government headed by a king or Queen. Is a type of Autocratic government. |
| <u>GDP per capita</u> | The wealth of a country in one year divided by its population |
| <u>Quota</u> | A way of controlling the amount of product which is made or sold |

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Economics:

42. By converting different Currencies it is possible for different countries to buy and sell goods with different types of money.

43. The main economy of Saudi Arabia is from oil, but it does make several billion dollars a year from tourism to Mecca / Hajj

44. OPEC, which stands for Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is the most important organization in the Middle East because it controls the price of oil.

45. If a country controls the amount of a production on the global market the value of that produce will increase.

46. Iran is a Theocratic Republic, which has elections and religious influence. The most powerful elected office is the president, who must be approved by the Guardian Council before popular elections.

47. In a Parliamentary Democracy the prime Minister is elected by the political party with the most votes, where in a Presidential Democracy the president is elected in a different vote than the one that chooses the legislation.

49-50 Fill in the blank:

| Government System | Definition: | Countries in the Middle East |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Parliamentary democracy: | People vote for political party. Political Party with Most Votes chooses Prime Minister | Israel |
| Monarchy | A type of Autocracy that is hereditary. | Saudi Arabia |
| Theocratic Republic | A government which has elections, but also is influenced powerful religious leaders. | Iran |
| Oligarchy | rule by few | Syria |