

Regional Outline for Middle East

| | 8000 – 600 CE | 600 – 1450 CE | 1450-1750 CE | 1750 – 1914 CE | 1914 - Present |
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| Politics | -city-state - controlled city and surrounding area | Caliphs -political unrest -sucession -problem Islam-Theocratic Rulers- codified Islamic law | Sultan -Provincial gov't -centralized power | -Ottoman decline -centralized, but -not around economy | -Turkish state -Sultan kicked out Ataturk- father of the Turks |
| Economy | Trade -great traders -agricultural | Participated in trade -Trans Sahara Trade -Silk Road/Route -Indian Ocean Trade | -Initially dominated trade (beginning) -Indian Ocean, African Coast | -Trade still go on -no longer dominant traders/master traders | WWI- join central power (lost) -“Attempted” Industrialization -Iran, Iraq- Oil supply (econ based) |
| Social Class/Gender | -Men work (more freedom) -Women confined to home -Slavery (owned slaves) -from E.Africa | Education- more opportunities Women- married at puberty - equal before Allah | Harems established -female slaves, women had some rights Social Class: 1)Sultan 2)Gov't Officials 3)Reg Officials 4)General people (peasants, Merchants..) | Women -stayed same, had some property rights -not really property of men -hardly any rights -devalued | Women -Even with pressure from West. Stayed same -negative effect, treatments -still had to wear the clothes to cover the whole body |
| Science/Inventions | -Independent innovations -4000BCE Bronze, Copper -Wheel, irrigation canals -number system (from India, improved) -Navigation tools | Mathematics -Algebra, Geometry...etc Science -Objective experiment -classification -navigation: astrolabe improved -Medicine | Military Tech -canons, guns -advanced medically -Medicines -Science- navigation tools, astronomy | -Affected by western science -overtaken (no longer dominant -stayed isolated | -Fall of USSR -start accepting west influence |
| Art/Architecture | Architecture -Ziggurats -glory of civilization | -Calligraphy, designs -Minarets -Mosques -Literature -Poetic works: Arabian Nights” | -Mosques -Minarets -Mosaics | Arts -still had Mosques -Minarets -Mosaics -styles still there, but -due to decline of empire, corruption, little time for art | Arts -still have, but not much developments improvements |
| Empire | Regional Kingdom -Babylonians -Acadians...etc | -Islamic -regular civil wars -1258 Mongols overran Islamic empire | Ottoman Empire -“Gunpowder Empire” -Safavid Persia | “Sick man of Europe” -decline of Ottoman Empire -Balkans -seeking independence | Young Turks -Secularization, sciences technology -Iran vs Iraq -Turkey formed |
| Religion | -Polytheistic -Animistic -Many gods | Islam -Suffi's -respect for Jews/Christians -People of the book | Islam -divided -Sunni vs. Shi'a | Islam -still the unifying force -tensions between Sunni vs. Shi'a still occur -still tolerant of other religions to some extent | Islam -more focused on religion -tried to become like before |