Unit VIII Study Guide

The Middle East

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**Key terms**

Fertile Crescent, Mesopotamia, city-state, dynasty, Empire, Hammurabi, Canaan, Torah, Abraham, monotheism, covenant, Moses, Israel, Judah, Allah, Muhammad, Islam, Muslim, Hijrah, mosque, hajj, qur’an, sunna, shari’a, caliph, shi’a, sunni, sufi, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, Camp David Accords, Anwar Sadat, Golda Meir, Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Menachem Begin, Oslo Accords, Suez Canal, Yom Kippur War, Hamas, Yasir Arafat, intifada, Zionism, American Hostage Crisis, the Islamic Revolution, the Iran-Iraq War, Ayatollah Khomeini, Saddam Hussein, OPEC

**Key questions**

1. What early civilizations existed in the Middle East? What is the civilization known for and what caused its decline?

2. What are the similarities and differences between Islam, Judaism, and Christianity?

3. What was Hammurabi’s Code? Why is it significant?

4. What are the 5 Pillars of Islam?

5. Who was Muhammad and why is the city of Mecca important to Islam?

6. How did Islam Spread?

7. Compare and contrast the Sunnis and Shiites

8. List some of the examples of Muslim culture we discussed in class.

9. What are the origins, expansion, achievements, and decline of the Ottoman Empire?

10. What is the Arab-Israeli conflict? What are they fighting over?

11. What was the impact of World War I on the Middle East? WWII?

12. What is OPEC? Who forms this organization and why?

13. Who was fighting in the Persian Gulf Wars?