

Essay and Discussion Questions

Middle East & North Africa High School Questions

Help students understand the Middle East and North Africa through these essay and discussion questions.

Questions

1. How has a history of Western interventionism and imperialism shaped the region?
2. What role does oil play in regional politics and economics?
3. How has the role of Islam in politics and society changed over time?
4. What are the major issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?
5. How have United States foreign policy goals in the region changed over time?
6. How effective has the United States been at accomplishing its aims in the Middle East?
7. Do you think the region is likely to become more or less authoritarian over the next decade? Why?
8. To what extent did the Arab Spring bring political change to the region?
9. What forms of discrimination do women in the region face?
10. Do you believe a settlement between Israelis and Palestinians is possible?
11. Which countries have large migrant populations? Where do those migrant populations come from and why?