

## Chapter 18 Study Guide Eastern Mediterranean

How has the location of the Eastern Mediterranean influenced its role in the world?

What has been the primary source of trouble in the Eastern Mediterranean?

What method of expression is most associated with this region?

**I. Turkey:** Capital is: \_\_\_\_\_

What characteristics make Turkey strategically important in world trade?

Why is its location called a “chokepoint?”

What three bodies of water border Turkey?

What mountain in Turkey is of biblical importance?

Name the modern-day father of Turkey and list some of his policies:

Turkey has the \_\_\_\_\_ population in the Middle East.

What are 3 reasons why the European Union (EU) has made Turkey wait before allowing them to join?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is the European part of Turkey called?

Name the two straits that must be crossed to navigate from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean Sea?

- 1.
- 2.

What was the former name of Istanbul?

\_\_\_\_\_ is the Asian side of Turkey. Name the mountain ranges on this side of Turkey:

Who are the Kurds and what are they attempting to do?

**II. Cyprus:** Capital is: \_\_\_\_\_

Cyprus is made up of two different rival groups, what are their names and what percent of the country's population do they each represent?

In order to maintain peace what international body has been in Cyprus and since when?

### **III. Former Mandate of Syria**

What is the Levant?

What is the Fertile Crescent?

What are mandates?

What was the French mandate called?

What two countries make it up?

- 1.
- 2.

What was the British mandate called?

**Syria:** Capital is: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is the city Aleppo an important place?

What is the major industry?

What city claims to be the oldest inhabited city in the world?

What percentage of Syrians are Arabs?

What is the official language?

Syria claims to be a republic, is it? Why or why not?

**Lebanon:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

What was the major ancient city of Lebanon called and why was it significant?

What tree is Lebanon famous for having?

What was Beirut known as before the civil war between Muslims and Christians?

What percentage of Lebanese are Christians and what are they called?

What percentage is Muslim?

List the 3 different Islamic groups.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Where did the Druze come from?

What happened in Lebanon between 1975-1990?

#### **IV. Former Mandate of Palestine**

What empire was Palestine formed out of?

In modern usage what does Palestine refer to?

Why is this area called the Holy Land?

What are the three most important issues in the Middle East?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Israel:** Capital is: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is Israel called the Promised Land?

What is the Zionist movement and what role has Great Britain played with its mandate of Palestine?

What is the Shephelah, and where is it located?

What is the Negev and where is it located?

What is the Gaza Strip and why is it significant?

What is Hamas?

What is the significance of the Golan Heights and where is it located?

What is the West Bank and why is it important?

Why is Jerusalem considered the divided capital?

What is Masada and why is it important in Israel's history?

### **The Palestinians**

From what biblical people group did the Palestinians descend?

Who are the Palestinians today and what is their goal?

Why did Israel win the Six-Day War?

Describe the Dead Sea. What is its significance?

What are the Dead Sea Scrolls?

**Jordan:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

What natural resource does Jordan lack?

Where do most of the people live?

List three reasons for Jordan's struggle with poverty:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.