

Introduction to World Politics

Practice Quiz: Africa, Europe, the Middle East

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The counted quiz on the Middle East is on Wednesday of this week. Thus far, the types of questions I could place on the quiz include labeling the named state, naming the labeled state, determine the state from given clues and labeling it on the map, and name and label the state from some Foreign News Happenings brief posted. Today, I will add yet another: name and label the state from the Tunawars description.

Here is the map of the Mediterranean Sea region. As you can tell, it includes parts of Africa, Europe, and Asia. It also includes most of the Middle East. Not all states on this quiz will be Middle Eastern, but most will. Before we get started, make sure you write your name and Tunawars state at the top of this page.



1. If your Tunawars state is on the map, label your state. If not, check this box
2. Name and label the top three states in Tunawars: _____, _____, _____.
3. Not all of the Tunawars states are outside the Middle East. In fact, two states are Middle Eastern (according to the definition we are using). Name and label the two: _____, _____.
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____



4. Islam has two colors associated with it: red and green. Many Muslim states have flags reflecting this. Libya's flag, for instance, is entirely green. The Saudi flag has a green background, with white lettering on it. Other states focus on red for their flag. The flag of this Middle Eastern state is red, with a star and crescent. Name it, and label it on the map.



5. The United States invaded this state to push Iraq back to its own borders. As leader of the coalition, we decided not to go to Baghdad to remove Saddam Hussein. Many in Bush's party criticized him. However, then Secretary of Defense Cheney defended the President's move as being wise.



6. If we ignore the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is interesting to note that Israel gets the most foreign aid from the United States. According to the Congressional Research Service, in 2004, we gave Israel \$2.62 billion in foreign aid. This is \$750 million more than the Number 2 recipient, this Middle Eastern autocratic state known more for the Muslim Brotherhood, Anwar Sadat, and President Hosni Mubarak.



7. The flag of this Levant state features this state's renowned cedar tree. In more recent times (last couple of weeks), this state has been in crisis and without a president for months, with pro- and anti-Syrian factions deadlocked. The electoral system is confessional: based on declared religious affiliation. The president is always a Maronite Christian; the prime minister, a Sunni; the deputy PM, an Orthodox Christian; and the Speaker of the Parliament, a Shi'a.



8. The United States has several nominal allies in the region. This is both a blessing to us and a burden. It is a blessing because we are able to count on these states not actively supporting our enemies. It is a burden because we must change our foreign policy to keep them our allies. This Middle Eastern state profited handsomely from the "Oil for Food Scandal" in that it allowed Iraqi oil to flow through its territory (and gain some tax revenue). We knew about it from the start. But, since the King of this state has been a long-time ally of ours in Amman, even taking an American wife (Queen Noor), we let them do it.



9. United Arab Emirates is a Middle Eastern federation of seven states situated in the southeast of the Arabian Peninsula in Southwest Asia on the Persian Gulf, bordering Oman and Saudi Arabia. The seven states, termed emirates, are Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras al-Khaimah, Sharjah, and Umm al-Quwain. Locate the UAE.