

Graphic Organizer—Part I

Empires of the Middle East

Instructions: Use your reading to fill in the boxes below. Record two pieces of information about each of the empires. This could be information about the empire’s rulers, residents, time period, territory, achievements, or challenges that it faced.

<p style="text-align: center;">Sasanian Empire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	<p style="text-align: center;">Byzantine Empire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
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The Foundation of Islam		
When was Islam founded?	Where?	By whom?

<p style="text-align: center;">Ottoman Empire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	<p style="text-align: center;">Safavid Empire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
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Terminology

Instructions: Define each of the terms below in your own words. Record an example that you learned about in Part I of the reading that fits your definition.

Term	Definition	Example
Imperialism		
Colonialism		
Nationalism		

Name: _____

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Instructions: Use your reading to fill in the chart below. Describe what each event was and how the United States was involved and/or affected.

During the Cold War		
Event	Date and Description of Event	U.S. Involvement
Cold War		
Coups in Iran		
Creation of Israel		
June 1967 War		
October War		
Camp David Accords		
Iranian Revolution		
Iran-Iraq War		
After the Cold War		
Persian Gulf War		
Peace negotiations		

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The Iraq War

Causes

Why did the United States invade Iraq?

Which arguments and justifications for the war turned out to be false?

Effects

Describe how the Iraq War affected:

Iraq:

The United States:

The threat of terrorism:

The Arab Revolutions

What were the Arab Revolutions? What did protesters demand?

Questions for U.S. Policy:

How are the following topics relevant to U.S. policy toward the Middle East? How have the Arab Revolutions raised new questions or challenges on each of these topics?

Political Islam

Human Rights

Factional Violence

Case Studies—Graphic Organizer

Instructions: Fill in the questions below for your assigned case study. When possible, include dates or time periods when events happened. You will be responsible for sharing a brief summary of this information with the class.

Country or Territory Name: _____

History

Record three major events in this country or territory's history.

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Relationship with United States

How would you describe the overall relationship between the United States and this country or territory, throughout history and today? Are they allies with a close relationship? Have they had a hostile or negative relationship? Has their relationship been mixed or changed over time?

Examples of U.S. Policy

How has the United States been involved in this country or territory? Identify two or three major events or policies that demonstrate U.S. involvement. This could be a specific event or action (like the United States supporting a coup), or a longer-term policy (like the United States providing economic aid over the course of many years).

Motivations for U.S. Policy

Why has the United States adopted these policies? What are the U.S. interests, motivations, or goals?

Perspectives on U.S. Policy

How has U.S. policy affected this country or territory? How have people there responded to or experienced U.S. policy? What do people in the region think about U.S. policy?