

Knowledge organiser: The Middle East

Conflict in the Middle East has many causes, some of which have a long history, including the influence of the West and its attempts to control the region.		Chronology: what happened on these dates?		Vocabulary: define these words.	
		1918	The end of the Ottoman Empire as Turkey is defeated in the First World War.	Arabs	People originally from the Middle East/North Africa who speak Arabic
Summarise your learning		1948–49	The Arab-Israeli War, following the declaration of a new state: Israel.	Mandate	When an area or country is put under the control of another country
Topic 1: What are the long-term causes of conflict in the Middle East?	The defeat of the Ottoman Empire in 1918 meant Arabs hoped for independence, but mandates meant continuing control by foreign powers, including Britain.	1956	The Suez Crisis, in which Britain, France and Israel invaded Egypt in a secret plan to get back control of the Suez Canal.	Al-Nabka	'The catastrophe': Palestinian Arabs' term for the 1948-49 war.
Topic 2: What caused the Arab-Israeli War?	Britain had supported Jewish calls for a homeland but increased Jewish immigration to Palestine created tensions with Arab Palestinians, which grew into violence and war.	1980–88	The Iran-Iraq War	Nationalised	Owned by the state
Topic 3: What caused the Suez Crisis?	President Nasser of Egypt successfully forced the British out of Egypt after a bungled attempt by foreign countries to topple him from power.	1991	The First Gulf War, in which a UN coalition forced Iraq to leave Kuwait	Ayatollah	A religious scholar (in Iran)
Topic 4: What caused the Iran-Iraq War?	The Iranian Revolution threatened Saddam Hussein's control of neighbouring Iraq, but Hussein's surprise attack brought Iranians together against the threat from Iraq.	2003–2011	The Second Gulf War, which toppled Saddam Hussein but led also to a brutal civil war.	Shia and Sunni	Branches of Islam, which have many similarities but also some differences
Topic 5: What caused the First Gulf War?	Saddam Hussein attacked Kuwait, provoking an international military response and a rapid victory.	Who or what were these people/events?		Martyr	Someone who dies while fighting for their religion
Topic 6: What caused the 'War on Terror'?	Attacks by terrorist group al-Qaeda on the USA in 2001 meant the USA launched its 'War on Terror', where war in Afghanistan linked to war in Iraq: the Second Gulf War.	Mark Sykes	A British man who made the Sykes-Picot deal with M. Picot dividing the Middle East between Britain and France.		
		David Ben-Gurion	Israel's first prime minister.	Sanction	A type of punishment used for breaking a law
		Gamal Nasser	President of Egypt from 1954; Nasser wanted Egypt to be independent.	Coalition	A group that gets together to achieve a particular aim
		Ruhollah Khomeini	The new leader of Iran following the revolution of 1978–79.	Weapons of mass destruction	Weapons that can kill very large numbers of people
		Saddam Hussein	Iraq's leader during the Iran-Iraq War, the First Gulf War and Second Gulf War.	Extremist	Political opinions or aims that seem unacceptable to most other people
		Osama bin Laden	The leader of al-Qaeda, a terrorist organisation responsible for many attacks in the Middle East and other countries, including the USA in 2001.	Cold War	A war where the sides threaten and spy on each other but do not fight