**Middle East Cultural Characteristics WS**  4                                         Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Name the three Abrahamic religions.
2. What has cause the rapid urbanization of major cities in the Middle East?
3. What is calligraphy?
4. Which current city in Turkey used to be called Constantinople?
5. Where in the Middle East did the religion of Islam originate?
6. Why isn’t the population of the Middle East distributed evenly?
7. What is a mosaic and where in the Middle East might you find one?
8. Why hasn’t oil wealth led to prosperity for most people in the Middle East?
9. Which Middle Eastern religion is famous for its prayer rugs?
10. When was the modern state of Israel created?
11. Where in the Middle East did the religions of Judaism and Christianity originate?
12. Name two reasons why a large percentage of the population in the Middle East is under the age of 15.
13. What is the commonly spoken language in the Middle East?
14. Why do Israeli Jews believe that they have a right to live in Israel (Palestine)?
15. The Great Pyramids of Giza, Egypt overlook which river?
16. Although not the capital, what is the largest city in Turkey?
17. Which Iraqi capital city is near the ancient city of Babylon?
18. Why do Palestinian Muslims believe that they have a right to live in Israel (Palestine)?
19. Name two other names for the area that is known to many people as “Israel”.
20. Name two countries in the Middle East that are predominantly Muslim but are NOT predominantly Arabic.
21. What is the holiest city in the religion of Islam?
22. Why is Istanbul’s location so important for trade and military purposes?
23. Cairo is located near the delta of which river?
24. What is the Kaaba and where is it located?
25. Name a country in the Middle East that is NOT predominantly Muslim.
26. London is to the Thames River as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to the Tigris River.
27. What tiny strip of water is straddled by the Turkish city of Istanbul?
28. Bethlehem is very close to which religiously important city in the Middle East?
29. Where was the Islamic prophet Muhammad born?
30. What was the original purpose of the Hagia Sophia?
31. What was added to the Hagia Sophia when it was converted to a mosque?
32. What can currently be found in the Hagia Sophia?
33. Name two important religious sites in Jerusalem.
34. What is the capital of Iran?
35. Where is the tallest minaret in the world?
36. What is significant about the location of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher?
37. Name two bodies of water in the Middle East where could you find an oil rig.
38. What is a suq?
39. What is a bazaar?
40. Name two ancient Middle Eastern cities that were built with walls for protection.