**Middle East Intro WS**   1                                  Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The Middle East contains parts of which two continents?
2. How can problems in the Middle East affect oil prices in the United States?
3. Which tiny oil-rich country was invaded by Iraq in the early 1990s (Persian Gulf War)?
4. State two other names for the area known as Palestine.
5. What is the most common religion in the Middle East?
6. What is name of the holiest text (book) in the religion of Islam?
7. Name a Christian religious site in Jerusalem.
8. Why do Jews believe that they have a right to live in Palestine?
9. Name the top two countries in terms of population in the Middle East.
10. Name three Middle Eastern countries where the United States has sent troops in the last 20 years.
11. Where is Mesopotamia?
12. Name two of the three largest countries in the Middle East.
13. State two reasons why the Middle East is important to the United States.
14. Name a Muslim religious site in Jerusalem.
15. Name three Middle Eastern countries that are poor.
16. Which three religions consider the city of Jerusalem to be holy?
17. What is the most common language spoken in the Middle East?
18. What are the three richest countries in the Middle East (per capita)?
19. Where in the Middle East is the religion of Judaism the most popular?
20. The traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all come from a common patriarch (they all descend from one man).  Who is this “father” of three major religions?
21. State two reasons why many people in the Middle East dislike the United States.
22. What religion do Palestinians practice?
23. Why is the area of Northern Africa and Southwest Asia called “The Middle East”?
24. Why is the Middle East often called the “cradle of civilization”?
25. Name a Jewish religious site in Jerusalem.
26. In which current country would you find the area known as Mesopotamia?
27. How do governments in most Middle Eastern countries compare with governments in Europe?
28. Name three countries in the Middle East that are rich in oil.
29. Although some Middle Eastern countries have high per capita GDPs, why are most of these countries still “developing” countries?
30. What are the two largest rivers in Iraq?