

**World Cultures
Humble ISD
Bundle Two-At-A-Glance
Timeframe: 10 weeks**

Unit Name: Middle East (Southwest Asia/North Africa), Sub-Saharan Africa

Essential Questions:

- What geographic features are responsible for patterns of population?
- How do people and the physical environment interact?
- What is the significance of religious holidays and observances in various world societies?
- How have geographic factors such as location, physical features, transportation corridors and barriers, and distribution of natural resources influenced societies in the region?
- What has been the influence of colonization and colonialism on the societies in the region?

Learning Outcomes:

The student is expected to:

- Evaluate the significance of the location of Turkey and Istanbul.
- Identify Iraq as centered on the Tigris & Euphrates River and the significance of their location.
- Identify the Sahara Desert, the Sinai Peninsula, Nile River, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Dead Sea, and Suez Canal on a map.
- Identify the geographic features that have influenced the economy and culture of the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Analyze the connection of population density and economic activities to the geography of the region.
- Compare and contrast the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam including their holy books, gods, and important holidays.
- Evaluate the role of religion and government on the lives of the people of Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan.
- Analyze the ongoing conflict between the Israeli people and the Arab world.
- Evaluate the importance of oil and its influence on the Arabian Peninsula and be able to explain OPEC.
- Analyze how civil war and poor government decisions have impacted Central Africa.
- Identify West Africa as being heavily involved in the Atlantic slave trade.
- Identify the social and political changes in South Africa resulting from apartheid.
- Review the record of human rights abuses of limited or unlimited governments such as the oppression of Christians in Sudan and South Sudan.
- Explain how European colonization affects current African culture.

Academic Vocabulary:

Religion	Alluvial Plain	Messiah	Transition Zone	Segregation
Monotheism	Silt	Diffusion	Apartheid	Commodity
Polytheism	Irrigation	Sultan	Imperialism	Epidemic
Arid	Deity	City-State	Trans-Saharan	Transportation Corridor
Desertification	Osman	Rift Valley	Ethnic Group	Coup