**SHEET**

**TERMS:**

Five Pillars of Islam:

Declaration of Faith, Pray 5 times a day facing Mecca, Charity to the poor, Fasting during Ramadan, and Pilgrimage to Mecca

The Surge

40,000 extra troops sent to Iraq to keep peace.

Zionism

The desire to create a new Israel, began in 1800’s(19th Century)

Anti-Semitism

Hatred of the Jewish people

Holocaust

12,000,000 people were killed by the Nazi’s, 6,000,000 were Jews

1. What do Noria, Qanat, and Drip have in common?

They are all methods of irrigation in SW Asia

1. Iran distrusted the US because the \_CIA\_\_ helped overthrown their government in 1953.
2. The First Gulf War consisted of two parts. Identify each.
   1. Operation Desert \_\_Shield\_\_\_\_ was to protect Saudi Arabia from invasion.
   2. Operation Desert \_\_\_Storm\_\_ was to drive the Iraqis’ out of Kuwait.
3. What was life like for the Iranians after the Ayatollah took charge? Women’s rights were taken away, strict fundamentalist laws were enforced, people were imprisoned and tortured
4. The Iran Hostage Crisis happened in 1979.
   1. \_\_\_\_Jimmy Carter\_\_\_ was President of the US
   2. The Iranians took over the American \_Embassy\_\_\_ and held the people there for \_\_\_444\_\_days. They were released the day \_Ronald Regan \_ became President.
5. What areas did Israel keep after the 1st Arab-Israeli War and the Six-Days War?

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1. Why did the Iranians distrust the United States?

The CIA had helped the Shah overthrow the government in 1953. He was then set up as leader.

4. What major religions claim Jerusalem as a sacred city? Christianity, Judaism, Islam

5. What was the result of the Ayatollah Khomeini taking power in Iran? See number 4

6. Who attended the Camp David Conference in 1978? Which countries did they represent? What were the results?

Jimmy Carter: US

Anwar Sadat: Egypt

Menachem Begin: Israel

Israel withdrew from the Saini Peninsula and Egypt agreed to always give Israel access to the Suez Canal.

7. What group set up a fundamentalist Islamic government when the USSR left Afghanistan?

Al Qaida

8. What happened to Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, and Jordan after the end of WWI? Of what empire had they previously been a part?

Syria and Lebanon became a mandate of France

Palestine and Jordan became a mandate of England

1. After what event was the UN founded

WWII

1. What three major religions have their origins in the Middle East?

Christianity, Judaism, Islam

1. Why did the Shia and Sunni branches of Islam split? When Mohammad died they disagreed over who should become the leader. The Shia believed it should be through the bloodline. The Sunni believed the best leader should be chosen.
2. What is OPEC? Why was it formed?

Organization of Oil Producing Countries, to control the production and price of oil for member countries

13. How does OPEC have a global impact?

It can influence price by how much oil it produces and how much it charges.

14. Why are foreign countries and company so competitive and interested in SW Asia?

Because of their oil.

15. What influence has religion played in SW Asia since WWII? It has led to several wars in that region.

16. What was UN Resolution 181 and what has been its impact on SW Asia since its passage after WWII?

It created the nation of Israel. That has led to several wars and general unrest in the region. The Arab countries around Israel voted against its creation.

17. How did the Holocaust effect the UN decision to create Israel?

It created a great deal of guilt in the world. This led to sympathy for what the Jews had suffered.

18. What action by Iraq began the first Gulf War in 1991? Why did the US get involved?

They invaded Kuwait to control their oil field. Saudi Arabia was afraid they would be invaded and requested help from the UN . The US supplied troops for the protection of Saudi and pushing the Iraqis out of Kuwait.

19. Which countries revolted during the Spring of 2011 (Arab Spring).

Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Algeria

20. The people in Syria revolted because they wanted more \_\_freedom\_\_, to be given basic human \_\_rights\_, and to put an end to \_oppression\_\_.

21. Crude oil is sent to a \_refinery\_\_ to be made into products like gasoline and heating oil.

22. The largest and driest desert in SW Asia is called the \_\_Rub al Kali\_\_\_\_.

23. Why are the Straits of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf very important to SW Asia?

Oil is transported from refineries on ships through those waters.

24. What did Israel give to Egypt in exchange for Egypt recognizing Israel as a Nation?

They gave up all claims to the Sinai Peninsula

25. Who was President during and at the end of the Iranian Hostage Crisis?

Carter during the crisis, the hostages were released when Regan became President.