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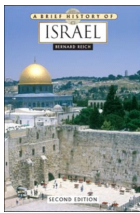
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- [Arab Awakening](#)
- [History of Islam](#)
- [Islam PowerPoint](#)
- [Middle East Review Crossword Puzzle](#)

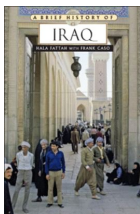
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[A Brief History of Israel, Second Edition](#) - Bernard Reich  
ISBN: 0816071268



[A Brief History of Iraq](#) - Hala Fattah  
ISBN: 0816057672



[Iraq War, Updated Edition](#) - Rodney P. Carlisle  
ISBN: 9780816071296



### Essential Questions

## Unit Essential Question: Why is there so much fighting in the Middle East and why do they seem to hate the USA?

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### Lesson Essential Questions:

- How are all 3 religions "related"?
- What are the key similarities and differences of Judaism, Christianity and Islam?
- What are the causes and effects of the conflicts in this region?
- How as the Arab Spring impacted the region?
- Is peace possible in the Middle East? How and by whom?

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Study Units provide in-depth introductions to over 500 historical topics. Each Study Unit begins with a short, illustrated introduction to a topic followed by a page of links to reference works, biographies, maps, primary sources, journal articles, images, video clips and Web sites, making it easy to find relevant content and set it in historical context.

- [The history of Judaism](#)  
Judaism is the religion of the Jews, central to which is the belief in one God.
- [The origins and growth of Christianity](#)  
This Study Unit covers the history of Christianity from its origins, through its struggle to survive and prosper in the Roman Empire, to its establishment as the dominant religion in Europe.
- [The rise of Islam](#)  
The political and cultural achievements of Islamic states from 600 to 1600 were enormous. Evolving from the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, Islam's expansion was rapid, and within a short time it had extended into Africa, Asia and Europe.
- [The Middle East, 1945-](#)  
Recurring forces in the modern history of the Middle East are the legacy of colonial rule, oil and the world economy, the Cold War, and perceptions of national and religious identities.
- [Israel, 1948-](#)  
Since 1948, when a fledgling Zionist state defeated the invading armies of five Arab countries to establish its existence, relations between Israel and the Arab peoples whose lands it seized have alternated between outright war and periods of uneasy accommodation.

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### Standards

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### Website Resources

Below are websites that are useful for this unit. Enjoy!

- [World History TEXTBOOK](#)  
Here you will find copies of our class's textbook
- [Israeli-Palestinian ProCon.org](#)  
A site that provides both sides of the issue
- [The Online NewsHour: Israel-Palestinian Conflict | PBS](#)  
PBS's site that includes maps, information on difference peace efforts and the key individuals involved.
- [NPR : The Mideast : A Century of Conflict](#)
- [Crisis Guide: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict - Council on Foreign Relations](#)  
A site run by the Council on Foreign Relations (not a government site)
- [The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict](#)
- [The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict - Issues in a Nutshell](#)
- [Understanding the Sunni-Shi'ite Divide - TIME](#)  
Explains the the different beliefs of the Sunni Muslims and the Shi'ite (or Shia) Muslims
- [Comparison of Sunni and Shiite Muslims](#)

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### Arab Spring

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**Persian Gulf War** - Rodney P. Carlisle  
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 **Operation Desert Storm**



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