Regional Outline for Middle East

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|  | 8000 – 600 CE | 600 – 1450 CE | 1450-1750 CE | 1750 – 1914 CE | 1914 - Present |
| Politics | -city-state - controlled city and surrounding area  | Caliphs-political unrest-succession -problemIslam-Theocratic Rulers- codified Islamic law | Sultan-Provincial gov’t-centralized power | -Ottoman decline -centralized, but -not around economy | -Turkish state-Sultan kicked outAtaturk- father of the Turks |
| Economy | Trade-great traders-agricultural | Participated in trade-Trans Sahara Trade-Silk Road/Route-Indian Ocean Trade | -Initially dominated trade (beginning)-Indian Ocean, African Coast | -Trade still go on -no longer dominant traders/master traders | WWI- join central power (lost)-“Attempted” Industrialization-Iran, Iraq- Oil supply (econ based) |
| Social Class/Gender | -Men work (more freedom)-Women confined to home-Slavery (owned slaves) -from E.Africa | Education- more opportunitiesWomen- married at puberty - equal before Allah  | Harems established-female slaves, women had some rightsSocial Class: 1)Sultan 2)Gov’t Officials 3)Reg Officials 4)General people (peasants, Merchants..) | Women-stayed same, had some property rights-not really property of men -hardly any rights -devalued | Women-Even with pressure from West. Stayed same-negative effect, treatments-still had to wear the clothes to cover the whole body |
| Science/Inventions | -Independent innovations -4000BCE Bronze, Copper -Wheel, irrigation canals -number system (from India, improved)-Navigation tools | Mathematics-Algebra, Geometry…etcScience -Objective experiment-classification-navigation: astrolabe improved-Medicine | Military Tech-canons, guns-advanced medically -Medicines-Science- navigation tools, astronomy | -Affected by western science -overtaken (no longer dominant-stayed isolated | -Fall of USSR -start accepting west influence |
| Art/Architecture | Architecture-Ziggurats -glory of civilization  | -Calligraphy, designs-Minarets-Mosques-Literature -Poetic works: Arabian Nights” | -Mosques-Minarets-Mosaics | Arts-still had Mosques-Minarets-Mosaics-styles still there, but -due to decline of empire, corruption, little time for art | Arts-still have, but not much developmentsimprovements |
| Empire | Regional Kingdom-Babylonians-Acadians…etc  | -Islamic -regular civil wars -1258 Mongols overran Islamic empire | Ottoman Empire-“Gunpowder Empire”-Safavid Persia | “Sick man of Europe”-decline of Ottoman Empire-Balkans -seeking independence | Young Turks-Secularization, sciences technology-Iran vs. Iraq-Turkey formed |
| Religion | -Polytheistic -Animistic -Many gods | Islam-Sufi’s-respect for Jews/Christians -People of the book (dhimmis) | Islam-divided  -Sunni vs. Shi’a | Islam-still the unifying force-tensions between Sunni vs. Shi’a still occur-still tolerant of other religions to some extent | Islam-more focused on religion-tried to become like before |