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  -problem  Islam-Theocratic Rulers- codified Islamic law | Sultan  -Provincial gov’t  -centralized power | -Ottoman decline  -centralized, but  -not around economy | -Turkish state  -Sultan kicked out  Ataturk- 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 opportunities  Women- married at puberty  - equal before Allah | Harems established  -female slaves, women had some rights  Social 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…etc  Science -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 developments  improvements |
| 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 |