

Advanced Study Guide—Part I

1. How did World War I and the peace conference that followed shape the "outlines of today's Middle East"?

2. Why did World War II prompt U.S. leaders to pay greater attention to the oil resources of the Persian Gulf region?

3. How did the Zionist movement set the stage for long-term conflict in the Middle East and contribute to the rise of Arab nationalism?

4. Why did the Cold War influence U.S. decision-making in the Middle East?

5. What were the most important changes resulting from Israel's victory in the Six-Day War?

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6. Why did Middle Eastern states aim the "oil weapon" specifically at the United States? What was the economic impact of the 1973 oil crisis?

7. How did the October War pave the way to the Camp David accords? What was the United States' role in bringing about the peace settlement?

8. Why was the Islamist revolution in Iran seen as a serious setback for U.S. interests in the Middle East?

9. Why did the United States become involved in Lebanon in the 1980s?

10. What were the main considerations behind President Bush's decision to go to war against Iraq in January 1991? How did changes in international relations influence his response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait?