

Understand

1. What role does oil play in regional politics and economics?
2. What are the major issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?
3. Which countries have large migrant populations? Where do those migrant populations come from and why?

Analyze

4. How has a history of European intervention and imperialism shaped the region?
5. How has the role of Islam in politics and society changed over time?
6. How has U.S. intervention shaped politics and geopolitics in the region?
7. In what ways do Saudi Arabia and Iran project their power beyond their borders?

Evaluate

8. Do you believe a settlement between Israelis and Palestinians is possible?
9. How effective has the United States been at accomplishing its aims in the Middle East?
10. Do you think the region is likely to become more or less authoritarian over the next decade?