

**Social Studies**  
**Global Geography: Basic**  
**Unit 9: Middle East**

<b>Essential Understandings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political, physical, economic, social, historic, and environmental factors contributed to the development of this region.</li> </ul>
<b>Essential Questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the place names of this region?</li> <li>What historical/cultural contributions have been made?</li> </ul>
<b>Essential Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenges that face this region include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farming/food for an arid land with an increasing population</li> <li>Economic and environmental developments</li> </ul> </li> <li>History of a region shapes its characteristics.</li> <li>Cultural and religious characteristics shape the region.</li> </ul>
<b>Vocabulary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunni, Sh'ia, oasis, imams, ayatollahs, OPEC, Zionism, Holocaust, sultan, souks, secular</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Essential Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a timeline to show patterns that developed in this region.</li> <li>Identify defining events in the history of this region.</li> <li>Draw place and/or feature locations.</li> <li>Identify names, locations, and characteristics of political and physical features.</li> <li>Explain the five major tenets of Islam.</li> </ul>
<b>Related Maine Learning Results</b>	<p><u>Social Studies</u>  D. Geography  D1. Geographic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns  Students understand the geography of the United States and various regions of the world and the effect of geographic influences on decisions about the present and future.  b. Describe the major regions of the Earth and their major physical, environmental, and cultural features using a variety of geographic tools.</p>
<b>Sample Lessons And Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place the Middle Eastern states on a map</li> </ul>
<b>Sample Classroom Assessment Methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map test of Middle Eastern political and physical features</li> </ul>
<b>Sample Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Other Resources:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Created Materials</li> </ul> </li> </ul>