

Topics: Maps of the Middle East, Central and South Asia, major cities in Central and South Asia, ethnic & religious groups, established independence in Middle East Countries, Islam beginnings & expansion to 1500 AD. , Islamic Belief, *The life and teachings of Muhammad*, significance of the Qur'an as the primary source of Islamic belief, Islam's historical relationship to Judaism and Christianity, government and religion in Muslim societies, India, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Central Asian republics first became independent countries, achieving independence, origins of Indian civilization in the Indus Valley, evolution and central principles of Hinduism, Teachings of Buddhism, *ideographic* writing system used by the Chinese, technologies of China, Confucius, his writings on good government, codes of proper conduct, and relationships between parent and child, friend and friend, husband and wife, and subject and ruler, First Emperor unified seizing land, centralizing government, imposing strict rules, use of slave labor, transportation, and defense, political and social status of women in selected countries in Asia and Oceania **Note: The web sites collected below are for intended for teacher preparation, web sites should NOT be given out to students until the teachers have closely examined the content. Web Sites change often and nothing should be taken for granted. The highest percentages of web sites are from universities and historical web sites. Also included are web sites at lower grade levels so that the teachers will have ideas on how to address some of our most diverse learners. Also included are sites on literature, art, music of the period as well as plays and costumes; sites such as these breathe life into learning and help engage student interest.**

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Map 1880: Middle East Political Borders	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/maps/pol.html
Map 1920: Middle East Political Borders	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/maps/pol.html
Map 2002: Middle East Political Borders	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/maps/pol.html
Map Middle East Topographic Map	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/maps/topo.html
Map Middle East Religion, Ethnic Groups, and Language Distribution	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/maps/demo.html
Global Connections- Essays: States & Nations	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/questions/nations/index.html
Natural Resources	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/questions/resource/index.html
Economics: It's More Than Oil	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/themes/economics/index.html
Religiously-Based Civil Unrest & Warfare	http://www.religioustolerance.org/curr_war.htm
Middle East- Peoples, Politics, Economics	http://www.cet.edu/earthinfo/meast/MEpeo.html
Geography: An Ancient and Modern Crossroads	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/themes/geography/index.html
2001 Middle East reference Map	http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/middle_east_and_asia/middleeast_ref01.jpg
Atlas of the Middle East, published in 1993:CIA	http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/atlas_middle_east/atlas_middle_east.html
Political Map of North Africa and the Middle East	http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/middle_east_and_asia/n_africa_mid_east_pol_95.jpg
A map of the Ottoman Empire from 1683 to 1923	http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/ottoman1683_shepherd.jpg
Distribution of races in the Balkan Peninsula and Asia Minor in 1923	http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/shepherd/races_balkan_shepherd_1923.jpg
Map of Africa and Southwest Asia	http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/pdf/afr_asia_phys.pdf
Middle East in 1914: territories under British, French, Italian, & Spanish rule	
International mineral maps organized by country	http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/country/maps/
Natural gas resource table for the Middle East	http://energy.er.usgs.gov/products/papers/World_oil/gas/meast_gas_basin_table.htm
Maps of Kurdish areas in the Middle East and Soviet Union	http://www.1uptravel.com/worldmaps/middle-east-con8.html

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World Estimates of Identified Reserves & Undiscovered Resources of Conventional Crude Oil	http://energy.er.usgs.gov/products/papers/World_oil/oil/meast_map.htm
Global Connections: Middle East: Land, Resources, and Economics	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/educators/resource/lesson1.html
Middle East Countries & Organizations	http://www.mideasti.org/countries/countries_main.html
Introduction to the Middle East	http://www.hyperhistory.net/apwh/essays/intro/intro_mideast.htm
Independence Database	http://www.phrasebase.com/countries/index.php?action=dateadded&cat=187
Palestine Facts	http://www.palestinefacts.org/pf_faq_palestine_other_countries.php
Impact of Oil on the Islamic Middle East	http://www.hyperhistory.net/apwh/essays/cot/t1w33islamicoil.htm
Judaism	http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/j/ju/judaism.htm
Christianity	http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/c/ch/christianity.htm
Islam	http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/i/is/islam.htm
Maghreb	http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/m/ma/maghreb.htm
Eurocentrism	http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/e/eu/eurocentrism.htm
Ancient Near East	http://www.ancientneareast.net
Islam Timeline	http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/religionet/er/islam/IHIST.HTM
Islam Timeline	http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/timeline.html
Islam Chronology	http://campus.northpark.edu/history/WebChron/Islam/Islam.html
The Prophet Mohammad	http://al-islam.org/topical.php?sid=305657393&cat=89
Life and Teachings of The Holy Prophet Muhammad	http://www.karbala-najaf.org/fourteen/holyprophet.htm
Life and Teachings of Muhammad	http://www.world-federation.org/IEB/IslamicResources/Maasoomin/holy_prophet_saw.htm
The Qur'an and Qur'anic Interpretation	http://www.uga.edu/islam/quran.html
Islam Beliefs, Organization & History	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam
JIHAD: The Teaching of Islam from its Primary Sources – The Quran & Hadith	http://answering-islam.org.uk/Bailey/jihad.html
What is Islam's relation with Judaism and Christianity?	http://www.quran.ca/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=93
The Abrahamic Faiths: A Comparison How do Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	http://www.beliefnet.com/features/abrahamicfaiths.html
Jesus through Muslim eyes	http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/features/muslim_eyes
Three Religions One God	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/themes/religion
Islam: Basic theological beliefs and concepts	http://www.islamfortoday.com/beliefs.htm
The Islam Project	http://www.theislamproject.org/education/gw_general_islam.htm
Central Asia	http://www.nationmaster.com/encyclopedia/Central-Asia
Asia Maps & Landforms	http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/as.htm

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Asia	http://www.globalgeografia.com/asia_eng/asia.htm
The Concept of Asia	http://www.askasia.org/teachers/Instructional_Resources/FEATURES/SilkRoad/GeographyESSAY.htm
World Regional Geography	http://www.wku.edu/geoweb/human/mapguide.htm
History of South Asia	http://www.nationmaster.com/encyclopedia/History-of-South-Asia
India Central Asia	http://www.photius.com/countries/india/government/india_government_central_asia.html
History of Bangladesh	http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/h/hi/history_of_bangladesh.htm
History of Bhutan	http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/b/bh/bhutan.htm
History of Nepal	http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/encyclopedia/n/ne/nepal.htm
Pakistan	http://www.tiscali.co.uk/reference/encyclopaedia/countryfacts/pakistan.html
Pakistan Independence	http://www.indexmundi.com/pakistan/independence.html
India Independence	http://www.planetwork.org/india.independence.html
Manas: History & Politics	http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/southasia/History/mainhist.html
Sri Lanka	http://www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/destinations/asia/sri-lanka
Sri Lanka: Map, History & Politics	http://www.answers.com/topic/sri-lanka
CIA – World Facts: Sri Lanka	http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ce.html
Ancient Indus Valley	http://www.harappa.com/har/har0.html
Ancient Indus Valley	http://home.echo-on.net/~smithda/indus.html
Hindutva Series	http://hindutva.org/landmaurya.html
Hindu History	http://hindutva.org/landmaurya.html
Basic Teachings of Buddhism	http://www.friesian.com/buddhism.htm
The Living Dharma	http://www.livingdharma.org
Ideographic Myth	http://www.pinyin.info/readings/texts/ideographic_myth.html
Types of Writing Systems	http://www.ancientscripts.com/ws_types.html
Is CHINESE writing an IDEOGRAPHIC system?	http://www.chinese-forums.com/showthread.php?t=415
Chinese Writing	http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/ANCCCHINA/SHANG.HTM
Introduction to the Chinese Script	http://faculty.virginia.edu/cll/chinese/introduction.html
Formation of the Chinese Civilization	http://www.china.org.cn/e-gudai/index-1.htm
Culture of China	http://www.answers.com/topic/culture-of-china
China: Ancient Arts	http://sln.fi.edu/tfi/info/current/china.html
Chinese Inventions & Remedies	http://www.crystalinks.com/chinainventions.html
Daily Life in Ancient China	http://members.aol.com/bkdonnclass/Chinalife.html
The Oldest Living Civilization	http://www.historians.org/projects/GIRoundtable/Chinese/Chinese3.htm

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Chinese History Summary	http://www.china-window.com/china_briefing/china_history/chinese-history1.shtml
Confucius	http://www.crystalinks.com/confucius.html
Ethics of Confucius	http://www.san.beck.org/EC14-Confucian.html
Confucius Lesson Plans	http://www.askasia.org/VISIBLE_TRACES/curriculum/pdf/CBElesson2.pdf
Chinese Philosophers & Teacher	http://www.hyperhistory.net/apwh/bios/b3confucius.htm
The Birth of Confucius: A Story from China	http://www.uua.org/clf/betweensundays/middlechildhood/Confucius_birth.html
First Emperor of China	http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/greatwall/Emperor.html
Portraits of Chinese Emperors	http://www.chinapage.com/emperor.html
The First Emperor	http://library.thinkquest.org/J0110667/First_Emperor.html
China in Brief	http://www.china.org.cn/e-china/history/Ancient.htm
Xian History: The First Emperor of China - Qin Shi Huang	http://www.cnhomestay.com/city/terracotta/xian_history.htm
<u>Xi'an and the Silk Road</u>	http://hua.umf.maine.edu/China/xian.html
Ancient Chinese History	http://www.asianinfo.org/asianinfo/china/his/ancient_times.htm
Understanding the Geography of China	http://www.askasia.org/teachers/Instructional_Resources/Materials/Readings/China/R_china_10.htm
Chinese Internet Resources	http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/CHIINRES.HTM#History
The Changing Status of Women in Asian Societies	http://www.eastwestcenter.org/stored/misc/FuturePop05Women.pdf
History of Ancient China	http://web1.caryacademy.org/facultywebs/matthew_ripleymoffit/China_History.htm