Teaching the Middle East in 10 Quiz Questions

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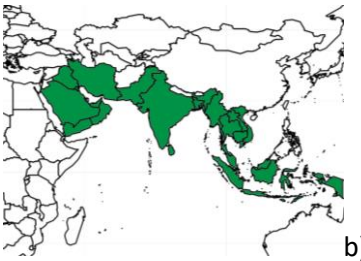
1. When was the term "Middle East" coined, and in which language?

a) 7th century, Arabic b) 16th century, Turkish c) Late 19th century, English d) Mid-20th century, Arabic

2. Which map(s) represent the Middle East? (Circle all that apply)

a)  b) c) d)

3. What are the four most widely spoken native languages in the Middle East?

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4. What percentage of the world's Muslim population lives in the Middle East?

a) 10.4% b) 30.1% c) 41.2% d) 61.9%

5. What percentage of the Middle East's population is Muslim?

a) 85.5% b) 93.0% c) 99.1% d) 99.9%

6. Which of the following statements about Sunni and Shia Muslims is/are true? (Check all that apply)

a) Approximately half of the world's Muslims are Sunni and half are Shia.
b) Sunni and Shia Muslims follow five different pillars of Islam.
c) Sunni and Shia Muslims disagree about the succession of leadership after the Prophet Muhammad.
d) Sunni and Shia have been unable to live in mixed communities due to recurrent conflict.

7. When did Israeli-Palestinian conflict begin?

a) Biblical times b) The Crusades c) After World War I d) After World War II

8. In which of the following countries has the United States conducted armed interventions? (Circle all that apply)

a) Algeria b) Iraq c) Libya d) Somalia e) Syria f) Yemen

9. Which of the following Middle Eastern countries have sizeable oil reserves? (Circle all that apply)

a) Jordan b) Saudi Arabia c) Syria d) United Arab Emirates

10. Between September 12, 2001, and the end of 2021, how many people in the United States were killed by Islamist terror attacks? (Out of more than 300,000 Americans who were murdered during this period.)

a) 145 b) 541 c) 1,145 d) More than 5,000

Bonus Question: How many of these were killed by extremists from the Muslim-majority countries whose U.S. visas were suspended in 2017 and 2020?

a) 0 b) More than 0