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**Investigating the Middle East: Conflict**

**Directions**: Using the station notes, answer the following questions.

***Arab Spring***

1. What was the Arab Spring?

2. What were two common outcomes of countries who experienced major protests?

3. Many protest groups used publics sites like Facebook and Twitter to organize and communicate. How might this practice have inspired and encouraged protests elsewhere?

4. Look at the map on your reading. What can you infer about this areas future stability?

***Israeli Palestinian Conflict***

1. Why did many Jews return to Palestine before World War I?

2. How did the Arabs react, and what specific actions did they take following 1947?

3. What issues make the conflicts between the Israeli’s and the Palestinians so complex?

4. Both the Arabs and the Palestinian Jews want Jerusalem. Why is there no easy solution in dividing this territory (what do they both claim)?

***A Stateless Nation; The Kurds***

1. What makes the Kurds unique when you compare them to others like Japan, Iceland, or Albania?

3. Although the Kurds are the fourth largest ethnic group in the Middle East, why do they not have a nation of their own (think geographic borders and regions)?

4. Why do you think the Kurds would prefer to have their own State?

5. What progress have the Kurds made toward achieving the goal of an autonomous nation-state?

***Sunni and Shia***

1. What led to the creation of two Islamic sects?

2. Which sect dominates Iran? How does this affect the Sunni Muslims in Iran?

3. How are the Sunni Muslims being treated in Iran?

4. What is Jundallah? Is this organization Sunni or Shia Muslim?

***ISIS***

1. What does ISIS stand for?

2. How does ISIS promote their political and religious ideas?

4. How has ISIS been able to increase their power?

5. How does ISIS affect people around the world?