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The Middle East in the 20th Century

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Syllabus

- Jan. 23-25 -- 29-31 The land and people, geography and climate, resources and strategic importance of the area. The historical background; the Ottoman state, modernization movements and the disintegration of the Ottoman comity 1856-1908. The rise of nationalism and national states.
- Feb. 6-8 The First World War in the Middle East, the Ottoman-German alliance, the Arab revolt, the Balfour declaration, Jewish migration and the question of Palestine.
- Feb. 13-15 The mandate regime in the Middle East, political developments in Iraq, Syria-Transjordan including Palestine during the mandate era, 1920-43. The National Liberation struggle in Turkey, the establishment of the Republic and the political social evolution to WW II.
- Feb. 20, 22 The Second World War. The German and Italian offensive in the Middle East, the fall of France and the departure of the French. The establishment of Israel and the first Israel-Arab war. Great Britain leaves the Middle East.
- Feb. 27 - March 1 The social and economic transformation of the Middle East and the downfall of monarchies. The Egyptian revolution (1952) and the rise of Nasser. The Baghdad Pact (1955) and the rise of Kassim in Iraq (1958). The USA and USSR involvement in the Middle East.
- Mar. 6-8 The rise of ideologies: nationalism and socialism, or republics versus monarchies. The place and role of the Saudi monarchy and its relation to the Arab world. Oil politics, the resources and potential for development. Economic planning and industrialization.
- Mar. 13-15 The Cyprus dispute and its impact on the Turkish-US relations and on the general alignment of power in the Middle East. USSR-Turkish rapprochement.
- March 16-26 Spring recess
- March 27 Mid term examination
- March 29 The Arab-Israeli war of 1967, and its effects on the international relations of the area. The rise of the Palestinians as a new dimension of the Middle East conflict. The PLO-PLA and their involvement in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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