**Global Issues: Middle East Unit Study Guide**

***From Comparative Political systems notes***

Politics

Political systems

Democracy

Constitutional monarchy

Absolute monarchy

Dictatorship

Oligarchy

Theocracy

***From ‘An Intro to Islam’ Groupwork***

Islam

Shahada

Quran

Hadith

Mohammed

Prophets in Islam

Five Pillars

Mosque

Ramadan

Mecca & Medina

Hajj

Islamic principles and human rights

Sunni vs. Shi’a vs. Sufi

Largest Muslim country in the world

Jihad

Muslim women’s rights

**Middle East Culture**

Information from student presentations of culture in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Israel

**Map of the Middle East/Middle East geography**

***Empathy TEDTalk by Sam Richards***

***Battle of Algiers***

Algerian colonial history Battle of Algiers & FLN

***Arab Spring***

Tunisian Uprising (Ben Ali, Mohammed Bouazizi) *Demystifying the Arab Spring* article

Bahrain (al-Khalifa, Pearl Roundabout, Saudi alliance) Egypt (Mubarak, Morsi, Muslim Brotherhood, Tahrir Square, al-Sisi)

Yemen (Houthi, AQAP, Ansar al Sharia, ISIS, Saleh, Hadi, American drones)

**Uprisings in Bahrain, Yemen, Egypt:** (*including key players, history that led to uprisings, methods & effectiveness of uprisings, and current political situation in country as explained during current events presentations in epilogue of Arab Spring Protest Campaign group projects*)

**Methods of protest**

**Israel-Palestinian Conflict**

History of the conflict (Zionists, Balfour Declaration, Nakba, 1967 War/Six-Day War, P.L.O., Camp David Accords, Intifada, Oslo Accords/assassination of Rabin, 2nd Intifada)

Key leaders/groups on both sides (Arafat, Abbas, Netanyahu, Hamas)

Key issues in the conflict (Jerusalem, Security Barriers, Refugees/Right of Return, Two-State Solution)

Geography and controversial sites (Gaza Strip, West Bank, East Jerusalem, Dome of the Rock/Al-Aqsa Mosque/Temple Mount, Western Wall, Green Line)

**Syrian Civil War**

Key players, Causes, current state of affairs