**Middle Eastern History Illustrated Timeline**

Your group will choose one country in the Middle East (from the choices of Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon), research its history and create an illustrated timeline of important events over the course of your country’s history. After you are finished, you will present your timeline to the class and we will use it as a reference moving forward as we gain a deeper understanding of democratic developments in the Middle East.

The events you identify and illustrate need to depict the highlights of the era. Use events that correspond to the **key areas of focus** listed below. Make the presentation of your timeline aesthetically pleasing (i.e., each event needs to have an individual illustration; themes and illustrations can reflect the time period).

* include at least 20 events
* make sure you include a brief description of each event
* use [www.timetoast.com](http://www.timetoast.com) to create your timeline. It is free to create an account.
	+ Once you create your account, click Your timelines at top of screen and Add a new timeline
	+ Choose an appropriate image, add an appropriate title, and you’re on your way

Key areas of focus:

* Important events prior to colonization
* Process of resistance to colonization
* Independence movements: key people, turning points, agreements, treaties, conferences
* Events with long-term impacts on political systems, economy, and cultural freedoms

When you present:

* Be prepared to explain why you chose each of these events. What makes them so historically significant? In order to be able to explain these things, you will probably need to do some extra research on the events you put on the timeline.

Good Research Links for Illustrated Timeline

(you can mention a few things about Ancient history, but keep your focus mostly on the 20th and 21st centuries)

General History of the Middle East (good starting point for all of the countries): <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/timeline/text/time1.html>

Egypt

<http://www.historyworld.net/wrldhis/PlainTextHistories.asp?groupid=271&HistoryID=aa28&gtrack=pthc>

<https://globaledge.msu.edu/countries/egypt/history>

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/egtoc.html>

Iran

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/middle_east/jan-june10/timeline.html>

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/irtoc.html>

<http://www.iranchamber.com/history/history_periods.php>

Iraq

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/iqtoc.html>

<http://www.iraqiembassy.us/page/iraqs-history-an-interactive-timeline>

Yemen

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-14704951>

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/story?id=79815&page=1#.UcsJ3dgQPB8>

Jordan

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/jotoc.html>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/828993.stm>

Lebanon

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/lbtoc.html>

<http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2007/10/18/40501.html>