



Middle East

Elements of Culture

Directions

You will see eight slides depicting several cultural elements of the contemporary Middle East. For each slide you will identify cultural elements you see—such as Arabic writing, geometric designs, and Islamic clothing—and label these elements on the corresponding drawing of the slide on your handout.

The Middle East



What do you see in the slide? What continent lies to the southwest? To the northwest? To the east? What might this region be called? Why?



Syria

Islamic symbol

Islamic head covering

Modern technology (stereo speaker)

Western-style clothing

Importance of books/education

Geometric patterns

Street vendors

Arabic writing





IRAN

WEST
BANK





EGYPT

SYRIA





UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES

VP Verdun Plaza

Accès Max Ma Max Ma

SOLDES 50%

LEBANON





JERUSALEM

Directions for Writing a Postcard About the Middle East

You will now write a postcard to a friend describing your initial impressions of the Middle East. Use your notes from Student Handout 1.1A to help you. Your postcard must include these parts:

1. A date and a proper salutation (“Dear...”).
2. A description of your impressions of at least three cultural similarities and three cultural differences you identified.
3. A sentence explaining some aspect of the Middle East you saw in the images that you would like to learn more about.
4. Drawings or sketches that illustrate at least one cultural element you mentioned. **(Use Color)**

25 points