

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES OF THE MIDDLE EAST



Content Standards:

Analyze the relationship between modern conflicts and the history of this region of the world.

Identify a selected contemporary issue and predict possible future trends in the Middle East and North Africa



RESOURCES

["Fractured Lands" K-12 Lesson Plan and Educational Resources](http://pulitzercenter.org/builder/lesson/fractured-lands-k-12-lesson-plan-and-educational-resources-18996?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=EduNewsletter&utm_campaign=FracturedLandsLesson)

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Pulitzer Center – This lesson plan is designed as a guide that offers different ways to engage your students in the article "Fractured Lands" by Scott Anderson, published by The New York Times with support from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting.

[Black Gold](https://cmes.arizona.edu/black-gold) (<https://cmes.arizona.edu/black-gold>) [Center](https://cmes.arizona.edu/black-gold)

[\(<https://cmes.arizona.edu/black-gold>\)](https://cmes.arizona.edu/black-gold) for *Middle Eastern Studies* – This teacher developed lesson plan centers around the essential question: How might having a valuable natural recourse (oil) affect a region?

[Got Water?](https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/educators/resource/lesson2.html)

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Students will learn that delivering clean, fresh water to citizens around the world involves and affects politics, economics, international relations, and technology.

[Here's why geography class matters: Trump's Jerusalem announcement](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/daily-videos/heres-why-geography-class-matters-trumps-jerusalem-announcement)

[\(<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/daily-videos/heres-why-geography-class-matters-trumps-jerusalem-announcement/>\)](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/daily-videos/heres-why-geography-class-matters-trumps-jerusalem-announcement/) *PBS* – Video: Israelis argue Jerusalem has been their capital dating

back to 1,000 B.C.E. Palestinians argue their land was taken from them. After the



announcement was made, Palestinians began to protest. Trump said dissent is expected, but that his decision lays the groundwork for “lasting peace” in the region.

 [A Struggle for Water Resources in Middle East Conflict](#)

[\(http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/daily-videos/a-struggle-for-water-resources-in-middle-east-conflict/\)](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/daily-videos/a-struggle-for-water-resources-in-middle-east-conflict/) PBS – This video with discussion questions looks into the water crisis between

Palestinians and Israelis.

 [Unit Framework \(https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/779/pages/unit-2-framework\)](https://hcpss.instructure.com/courses/779/pages/unit-2-framework)

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