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Date Due Thursday, 4/12

The Middle East

Extra Credit Option: Research — currently there is

much turmoil and conflict in Syria and the Gaza Strip. Learn and report.

Read the paragraph for background information. Then use the map to answer the questions.



Did you know? The Middle East is sometimes called the birthplace of civilization. It was the home of the Phoenicians who outgrew their Lebanon home and developed a huge trading empire along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. It was the birthplace of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. It was the fertile ground on which the first nomads settled, and in the area between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the place where the earliest preserved writing was found.

1. Find the location on the map where the earliest preserved writing was found. Shade in this area.

2. Which city is at approximately 32°N and 44°E? _____

3. Which capital city is almost directly north of Amman, Jordan? _____

4. Your parents live in Kirkuk and your spouse's parents live in Mosul. Which town do you live in if you want to be fair to both sets of parents? Explain.

5. Through which countries does the Euphrates River pass? _____

6. The fertile crescent stretched from the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to the mouths of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Which countries shown on the map are in the same location as the ancient world's fertile crescent? _____

7. Why do you think there aren't many cities in the Syrian Desert? _____

8. Which city is southeast of Beirut? _____

9. What is the approximate location in latitude and longitude of Al Basra, Iraq? _____

10. Approximately how far is it from Damascus to Dayr az Zawr? _____

