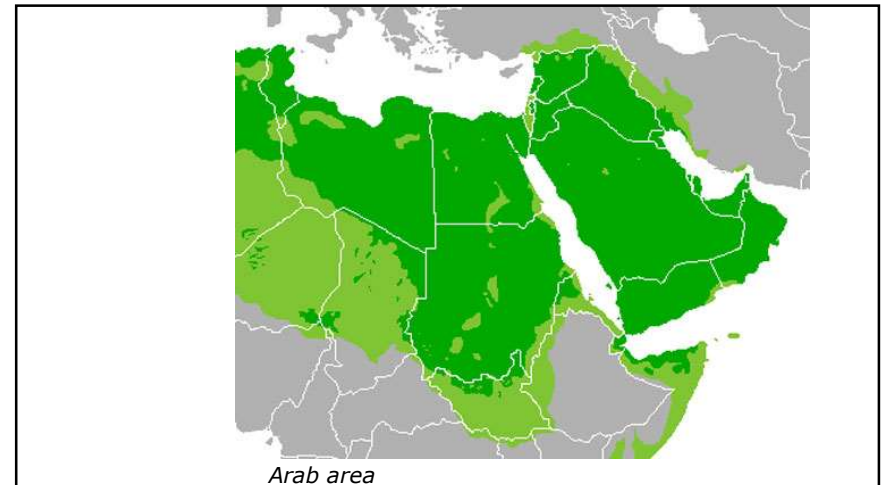


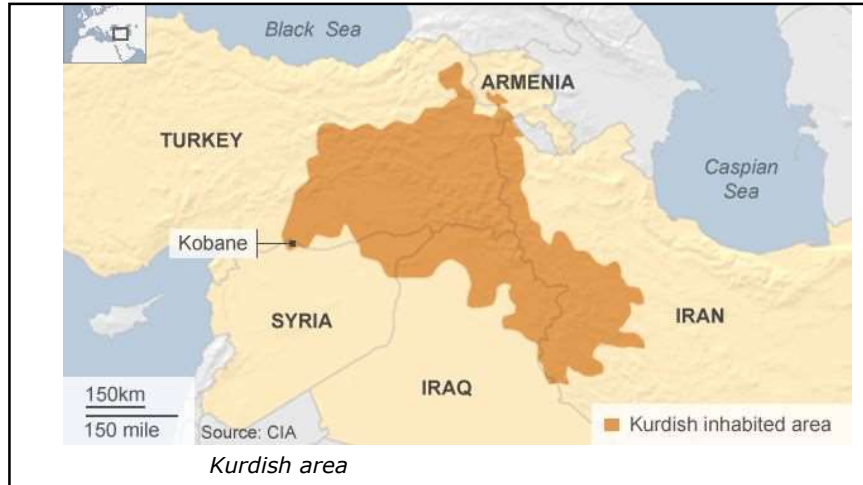
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World Geography

- *What ethnic groups are found in the Middle East?*

Ethnic Groups

- Persians
- Arabs
- Kurds





Religious Groups: Three Abrahamic Religions

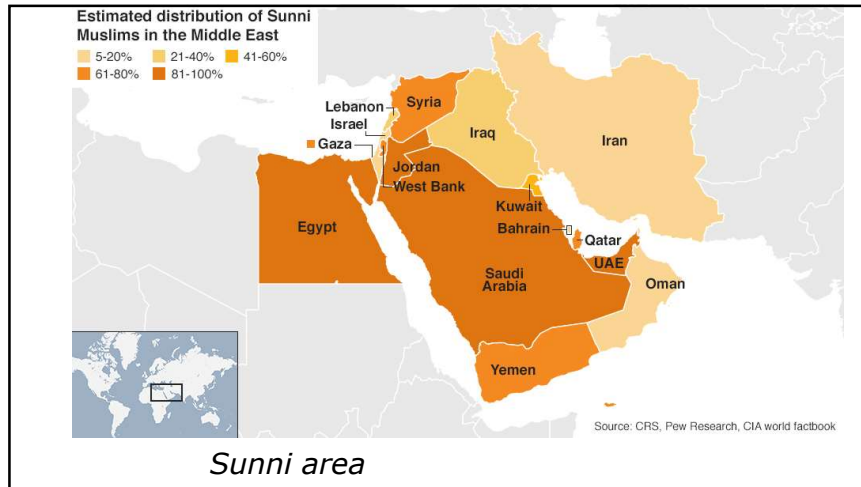
- Judaism (Jewish)
 - Christianity (Christian)
 - Islam (Muslim)
- All 3 are related.
 - All 3 have their roots in the middle east.



Muslim Groups

- Sunni Muslim
- Shia Muslim

Primary difference is in leadership. Otherwise, most religious practices are similar.



Kurdistan?

- Does not exist
- Kurds are a minority group in four countries
- Many Kurds want an independent country.





Israel

- Formed in 1948.
- Jewish state.
- Area has significant historic importance to all three Abrahamic religions.



Turkey

- Majority Muslim, but has a secular government.
- Culturally similar to countries in the middle east, but close ties to Europe.
- Is a NATO member, and wants to join the European Union.