**Mapping the Middle East**

*Complete the below tasks on the blank map provided. When your map is finished*

**Part I – Map of the Middle East**

Label the following countries

Libya Turkey Israel Kuwait

Chad Syria Saudi Arabia United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Egypt Jordan Yemen Qatar

Sudan Lebanon Oman Iraq

Iran Turkmenistan Uzbekistan Afghanistan

Pakistan

Label the following capitals

Cairo Riyadh Tehran Kabul

Ankara Baghdad Damascus Jerusalem

Sanaa Muscat

Label the following major cities

Mecca Medina Gaza Istanbul

Mosul Aleppo Karachi Dubai

Label the following bodies of water

Arabian Sea Mediterranean Sea Caspian Sea

Arabian Sea Black Sea Red Sea

Gulf of Aden Gulf of Oman Persian Gulf

Nile River Tigris River Euphrates River

Label the following geographic features

Arabian Peninsula Hindu Kush Mountains An-Nafud Desert

Rub’ al Khali Desert

**Part II – Other Map Features**

Use the additional maps provided to identify other important features in the Middle East, such as religious groups, resources, population centers, etc.. Remember to add these to your map key.

**Part III – Identify “Hot Spots”**

On your map, use a specific symbol to mark places where you think conflicts are likely to occur. These could be clashes over religion, resources, money, politics, or other factors. Be prepared to explain why you think these places might become an issue.

Discussion Questions:

1. What area of the Middle East do you feel is most likely to consistently be in conflict? Why?

2. How does an understanding of physical and human geography help us to better understand why conflicts occur?

3. What additional information outside of geography is necessary to explain conflicts? (Think SPICE Elements)