



Middle Eastern World

Starting Points for Research
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A cross-section of Web sites that offer information on the governments, religions, history, and socio-cultural forces of the modern Middle Eastern World.

Selected Country Information

Bahrain Government Homepage ~ facts and figures about Bahrain and information about the kingdom and ruling family ~ www.Bahrain.gov.bh

Central Intelligence Agency ~ basic information on countries of the world including background, geography, people, economic, government, and military, maps also ~
<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs ~ facts about Israel, beyond politics, current news as well as a news archive, maps, peace process, editorials, the anti-terrorist fence ~ <http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa>

The Knesset: Israeli Parliament ~ how the Knesset works, virtual tour of the building, highlights of events current and past ~
<http://www.knesset.gov.il/>

Lebanese Republic: Prime Minister Rafic Hariri-The Official Site ~ information on the Prime Minister, government policies, cabinet decisions, photos ~
<http://www.rhariri.com/>

The National Museum: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia ~ pictures of the Islam and Arabs Peninsula, jewelry, coins, pots, archaeological digs ~
http://www.arriyadh.com/En/Tourism/LeftBar/Musems/The-National-Museum_En.doc_cvt.asp

Salami Iran ~ source of information from the Iranian embassy in Canada ~ <http://www.salamiran.org/>

Saudi Arabian Information Resource - current news and issues, basic information on Islam, role of women ~ <http://www.saudinf.com/>

Virtual Jerusalem Tour ~ color photos of holy sites ~
<http://www.md.huji.ac.il/vjt/>

Welcome to the Presidential Palace - Republic of Lebanon ~ information of the President of Lebanon including speeches and photos, facts about Lebanon and the Republican Guard Brigade ~
<http://www.presidency.gov.lb/>

Islam and the Islamic World

Al Jazeera ~ controversial site with news aimed at the Arab street ~
<http://english.aljazeera.net/HomePage>

Arab-Islamic history ~ pre-Islamic history and after, focusing on important events and periods over 12 centuries ~ <http://www.albab.com/arab/history.htm>

Arab League ~ the 22 state League of Arab States business ~
<http://www.arabji.com/ArabGovt/ArabLeague.htm>

Arab Women Connect ~ Arab women today, women in business, women's rights, Arab governments and women ~ registration is free ~
<http://www.arabwomenconnect.org/>

The Arab World: Your Guide to Everything Arab ~ vast collection of links to the arts, humanities, architecture, history, language, religion and other aspects of Arab culture ~
<http://cecilmarie.web.prw.net/arabworld/>

Distinguished People in Arab History ~ links to articles, broken down by category such as scientists,

women, scholars... ~

<http://el.hct.ac.ae/regional/arab/people.htm>

The Holy Qur'an ~ resources for understanding the history and its place in Islam and its influence on the growth of the Arab civilization ~

<http://www.quran.org.uk/>

Introduction to the Arab World ~ maintained by Middle east News and World Report, introduction to general Arab history and institutions and disciplines ~

<http://www.middleeastnews.com/intoarab101.html>

Middle Eastern and Asian Maps ~ University Texas Web site ~ <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

Hadith and Sunnah ~ primary source of Muslim law and practice and links to collections of the Hadith (anecdotes of Muhammed's life) and articles on the Sunnah (the way Muhammad led his life) ~

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/MSA/fundamentals/hadithsunnah/>

Judaism and anti-Semitism

Aish.com ~ all aspects of Judaism including spirituality, family, Jewish literacy, Holocaust Studies, Jewish Holidays ~ <http://www.aish.com/>

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum ~ Jewish Holocaust including personal histories, online exhibits, and research ~ <http://www.ushmm.org/>

Yad Vashem: Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority ~ Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period ~ <http://www.yadvashem.org.il/>

Terrorism

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA): The War on Terrorism ~ terrorism FAQs, CIA director remarks, all aspects on chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear attacks ~ <http://www.cia.gov/terrorism>

Jurist Legal Intelligence: Terrorism Law and Policy ~ Topics include Counterterrorism Policy, Bioterrorism, Legal Issues, Civil Liberties, Hearings and Testimonies ~ <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/terrorism.htm>

Purdue Extension: Terrorism and Children ~ articles and multimedia sources for helping children cope

with the stress and threats of terrorism ~

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/terrorism/>

University of Michigan Documents Center: America's War Against Terrorism ~ covers terrorism issues including September 11, terrorism suspects and prosecution, previous attacks, and related links ~ <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/usterror.html>

U.S. Department of State: Counterterrorism Office ~ discusses policies for dealing with terrorism ~ <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/>