**History of Israel and Its Neighbors**

**Cradle of Civilization**

1. What areas are on the lands once called Canaan?
2. What main beliefs did the Canaanites and the Phoenicians hold?
3. How were the Israelites different than the Canaanites?

**The Origins of Judaism**

1. Who does the Jewish Bible describe as the founder of Judaism?
2. What covenant do Jews believe God made with them?
3. The Babylonians and the Romans each caused the Jews to leave Judah. Describe each circumstance.

**The Beliefs of Judaism**

1. What is the central belief of Judaism?
2. Describe the Jewish view of God.
3. How have Jewish ideas of justice, including the Ten Commandments, affected other systems of rules?

**The Birth of Christianity**

1. How did Judaism influence the birth of Christianity?
2. How did Christianity spread beyond Jesus and his early followers?

**Beliefs of Christianity**

1. How is the Christian view of Jesus different from the Jewish view of Abraham or Moses?
2. Describe the Christian view of why Jesus died and what his resurrection means.
3. What is the source of the Old Testament?

**A Crossroads of Empires and New Religions**

1. Who controlled Israel and its neighbors after A.D. 640?
2. How did Muslim beliefs about Jerusalem affect the city’s development?
3. How did the region’s culture change after Arabs took control?

**Independence and Conflict**

1. Who ruled the region after the Ottoman Turks?
2. How did Zionism develop in Europe and what was its goal?
3. What conflicts occurred between Arabs and Israelis after Israel declared independence?