

PLS 3343 - Government and Politics of the Middle East
Spring 2009

ASSIGNED READINGS

The following are the topics and readings for the course. Each student is expected to have completed the readings on the day the topic is to be discussed in class. While we will try to stay with this schedule, this list will in all probability change as the semester progresses. Any changes in the reading assignments will be announced in class.

B - Butt - The Arabs

LR - Long and Reich - The Government and Politics of the Middle East & North Africa

S - Spencer - Global Studies - The Middle East

1. The Creation of the Modern Middle East

Jan 14, 16, 21

S - 164-167

B - 17-115

2. The Role of Islam

Jan 23, 26, 28

S - 168-184

3. The "Secular Democratic" States

Jan 30, Feb 9, 11 - Israel

S - 73-83

LR - 240-278

Feb 16, 18 - Turkey

S - 143-150, 228-230

LR - 8-39

Feb 20, 23 - Egypt

S - 45-53

LR - 303-326

Feb 25, 27 - Lebanon

S - 93 - 97

LR - 173 - 197

FIRST EXAM ON OR ABOUT MARCH 2

4. The Monarchical States (and Yemen)

Mar 4, 6, 9 - Saudi Arabia

S - 120-125

LR - 62-89

Mar 11, 13 - Jordan

S - 84-88

LR - 220-239

Mar 23, 25, 27, 30 - The Gulf States
S - 41-44, 89-92, 113-116, 117-119, 151-159
LR - 113-149, 150-172

SECOND EXAM ON OR ABOUT APRIL 1

5. Parties, the Military, and God

Apr 3, 6 - Syria
S 132 - 137, 226 - 228
LR 198 - 217

Apr 8, 10, 13, 15 - Iraq and Iran

S - 65-72, 54-64
LR - 90-112, 41-61

6. Interstate Conflict - Arab/Israeli, "Coalition"/Iraqi

Apr 17, 20, 22, 24
Readings to be announced

7. Catch-up and Review

Apr 27, 29 May 1

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