## **Conflicts in the Middle East**

Middle East Vocabulary			
<u>Seize -</u>			
Secular -			
Theocracy -			
<u>Ayatollah -</u>			
Fundamentalist -			
<u>Militant -</u>			
Mujahedeen -			
Traditional -			
Guerilla Warfare -			
Taliban -			
Nationalize -			
Britain and the Soviet Union both Represent Foreign Interests in Afghanistan			
British:			
Soviet Union:			
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Iran and the Iranian Revolution			
Westernization		Traditionalism/Fundamentalism	
Shah Reza Pahlavi - The Westernizer		Ayatollah Khomeini - Islamic Fundamentalist	
1)		Blamed the Shah and the West for	
2)			
3)		Leads the Iranian Revolution	
Similar to:		1) 2)	
		US Embassy Hostage Crisis (1979-1981)	
Supported by		Revolutionaries Seized Embassy and Took	
The US and Soviet Union both want to maintain stability in the Middle East because it is a STRATEGIC LOCATION with valuable RESOURCES (OIL). US Supported: Rebels in Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq SU Supported: Military Gov't in Afghanistan, Iraq IRAN - IRAQ WAR 1980: Saddam Hussein feared Iran's revolutionary government. He invaded over political differences (Secular vs. Religious), Religious Differences (Sunni/Shia) and Territorial Disputes (Access to Persian Gulf). UN Negotiated a Cease Fire in 1988.			
U.S. War with Iraq			
Persian Gulf War - Operation Desert Storm (1990-1991): Iraq War - Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003 - 2012):			