

THE WAR ON TERROR HISTORICAL ASSESSMENT - STUDY GUIDE

IDENTIFICATIONS

- Identifications are a short paragraph that explains what a term is and why it is significant to the topic of study.
- Identifications test both your content knowledge and your critical thinking.
- In an identification, you will first explain everything you know about the topic. Then, you will explain why the term is significant in relation to SPICE elements. *Example: Shi'a Islam is one of the two primary sects of Islam. Followers of this branch of the Muslim faith believe that religious authority within Islam should be passed down among members of the family of the prophet Muhammad. Shi'a Muslims make up the minority of the world's Muslim population and still adhere to the 5 pillars of Islam, but they follow the direction of spiritual leaders called Imams - the wisest Imams are called Ayatollahs. Shi'a Islam is socially significant because the Sunni/Shi'a split governs how Muslims relate to one another and influences their experience of the Muslim community. The extent to which they have power in their country may depend on which sect they belong to. Shi'a Islam is politically significant, because the Shi'a/Sunni split that divides Islam has been expressed through the politics of many countries in the Middle East. Countries such as Iraq shaped their government through the exclusion of the majority Shi'a population, which created a backlash when the minority government was thrown out of power during the U.S. invasion of the country. This deep split within the Muslim faith adds further complications to the process of seeking peace in the Middle East.*
- The following Identifications could be on the test -- only 5 of these Identifications will be on the test and you choose 3 of the 5 to write about:
 - Terrorism
 - Sunni Islam
 - Osama Bin Laden
 - The War in Afghanistan
 - Weapons of Mass Destruction
 - The Patriot Act
 - The Arab Spring
 - The Syrian Civil War

CAUSE AND EFFECT

This skill ask you to identify key causes and effects of major historical events.

You want try to discuss at least two causes and two effects of each event.

Two of the following events will be on the test -- you will pick one of the two to write about:

- September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks
- The War in Afghanistan
- The War in Iraq
- The Rise of ISIS

CHANGE AND CONTINUITY

In this skill you are evaluating historical change over time. You are going to be asked to evaluate themes in Middle Eastern History (think SPICE elements) as you compare and contrast ways the United States has changed and ways it has stayed the same since the September 11 Terrorist Attacks.

Find answers for the following:

- Two ways the United States has changed since the 9/11 attacks and two SPICE elements related to each
- Two ways the United States has remained the same since 9/11 and two SPICE elements related to each