

1. All of the Middle East is a desert. [NO]

A large part of the Middle East is centered on a desert and has desert climates. Other parts of the Middle East are coastal, river valleys, mountainous, and some areas receive as much as 40 inches of rain per year. Nearly half of the region can have snow in the winter.

2. There are five major languages in the Middle East plus many dialects of those languages. [YES]

The five major languages of the Middle East are Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish, and Kurdish. In the same city, some people will speak one language and in another part of town they may speak another.

3. Everyone in the Middle East is Muslim. [NO]

Three of the world's major religions were started in the Middle East; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. All three religions have connections to each other. Christianity was born out of Judaism. Islam has been influenced by both Judaism and Christianity.

4. The Middle East is a region that covers 2,000 miles. [MAYBE]

Not everyone agrees about what countries make up the Middle East. But in general, it is a very large area of over 2,000 miles between three seas and one mountain range. The Black Sea in the north, the Arabian Sea in the south, the Mediterranean Sea in the West and the Mountains of Iran in the east make up the borders.

5. The Middle East is an uncivilized place. [NO]

A part of the Middle East was called the "Cradle of Civilization," because it was one of the first places that cities developed. This was because of the large rivers that ran through this area. Water is always important for people to have, especially when most of the area is a desert.