

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## **Iran Reading Questions**

### **Read and answer all 4 articles**

#### **White Revolution (1961-1963) Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa**

1. In 1963 who is the leader of Iran?
2. When was the White Revolution launched?
3. What were the domestic goals of the White Revolution?
4. What were the foreign goals of the White Revolution?
5. What was at the core element of the White Revolution?
6. Name the 5 programs that were included in the White Revolution when it started
7. How many programs were involved in the White Revolution by the 1970's?
8. What were the positive aspects of the White Revolution?

9. What were the negative aspects of the White Revolution?

**The Iranian Revolution: January 1978-February 1979. *Global Events, 2014.***

1. Identify the key roles of the following leaders:
  - a. Jimmy Carter
  - b. Muhammad Mosaddeq
  - c. Reza Shah Pahlavi
  - d. Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
  - e. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
2. The discovery of oil made Iran a very important region at the turn of the century. What stance did Iran take during WW I?
3. What is the name of the last shah of the Qajar Dynasty and who led a coup against him?
4. Which country supported the coup and what was the key reasoning for this nation to do this?
5. What stance did Iran take during WW II? How did Mohammad Reza Pahlavi become the leader of Iran?
6. What was the goal of Muhammad Mosaddeq in 1951? Why was this significant? How did foreign powers react to this goal?

7. After the overthrow of Mosaddeq, what actions were taken by the Shah? Provide at least 4 details.
  
8. Where was Ayatollah Khomeini emerge as a religious leader? During the 1960's and 1970's, list and describe Khomeini's activities against the government of the Shah?
  
9. What was the cause of the first demonstrations in 1977? How did these demonstrations escalate through 1978 and all the way to 1979?
  
10. When did Khomeini become the supreme leader of Iran?
  
11. What was the global and domestic effect of the Iranian Revolution? Give 3 details and explain.

**Iraq Invades Iran: Sept. 22, 1980. *Global Events, 2014.***

1. What was the initial fear of the Iranian Revolution in Iraq? Was Saddam Hussein correct to be fearful of the Iranian religious goals? Explain.

2. Explain the involvement of the following countries during the Iran/Iraq War
  - a. Syria
  
  - b. Saudi Arabia
  
  - c. United States
  
3. What was the effect to the Iran/Iraq War to the following:
  - a. Iran
  
  - b. Iraq
  
  - c. Kuwait

**Iran-United States Hostage Crisis, Encyclopedia of Modern Asia.**

1. Who was the prime minister of Iran during the Iran Hostage Crisis?
  
2. What was the key event which led to the taking of American Hostages?
  
3. What is the significance of the name Students of the Imam Line?
  
4. How did the Iranian Prime Minister try to end the Hostage crisis within the Iranian Government? How was he stopped?
  
5. What are the dates of the capturing of the hostages? The release? How many days?
  
6. What was the long term effect of the Iranian Hostage Crisis?

---

## **Iran Nuclear Deal**

**Read and answer 3 of the following 5 articles**

**Iran's Nuclear Lies;.....raises doubts. *Newsweek*, July 11, 2005**

1. Which countries were concerned about the Iranian nuclear program?
2. What was the name of the Iranian president at the time of the article?
3. What are some examples of concealment Iran has displayed?
4. What was the significance of MEK?
5. Create a timeline of Iran's nuclear cat and mouse game with the rest of the world starting in 2002.

**Whatever happened to the Axis of Evil? *The Daily Star*, August 11, 2015.**

1. Which countries were part of the Axis of Evil?
2. What were the names of the two presidents of Iran during this time period within the article?
3. How did the United States interact with Iran during this time period?

4. Should the United States have treated Iran like North Korea, or stay with the measures implemented within the article? Explain.

**A windfall for Iran? The end of sanctions and Iranian economy. *Foreign Affairs*, Nov-Dec. 2015.**

1. How much money is Iran having released according to this deal? How much is available for use?
2. What advantages does the Iranian economy hold for advancement with this money?
3. What reforms will be needed for Iran to attract foreign investment? Is it possible for Iran to do this based on readings and notes in class? Explain.
4. What is the breakdown of industry within Iran?

5. Based on the numbers presented in the article, is the current Iranian government equipped to utilize the money provided by the nuclear deal? Be sure to explain what the numbers mean to you and how the current system of government plays a part in your explanation.

**Waiting for the peace dividend; Iran's economy. *The Economist*, January 23, 2016.**

1. Why are foreign banks apprehensive investing in Iran?
2. What areas of improvement were mentioned within the article for immediate improvement of the infrastructure of Iran?
3. What are the most attractive industries to invest in within Iran?
4. What was the lasting impact of President Ahmadinejad within the improvement of Iran?

**Why the Iranian Nuclear Deal....have had enough. *Newsweek*, May 27, 2016.**

1. Summarize the article and provide an opinion of the entire Iran nuclear deal. Provide examples from this article and the other articles you read within the section.

---

**Iranian Foreign and Domestic Policy**

**Read and answer 2 of the 4 articles.**

**A Deadly Message: Saudi Arabia.....That's just what it wants. *Maclean's*, Jan. 18, 2016**

1. What was the name of the Iranian cleric and why was he executed?
2. Was Saudi Arabia justified in killing the cleric based on their laws and point of view? Explain.



3. What are the types of Islam being practiced in Saudi Arabia and Iran? How do both countries view themselves to the Islamic World?
4. In terms of policy why does Saudi Arabia view Iran as a threat? How does the United States, Iraq, and Jordan play into this situation? Explain.

**Iran and Saudi Arabia Double Down....deadly rivalry with Iran. *Newsweek*, Jan. 22, 2016.**

1. Besides religion what else does Iran and Saudi Arabia share with each other? How does this make conflict within the region? Explain.
2. What event sparked the flare up between the two nations and why?
3. Who is the current leader in Saudi Arabia and Iran at the time of this article?
4. Is the issue of ISIS a significant concern to Iran and Saudi Arabia? Explain.
5. What other countries are indirectly and directly involved within this conflict? Which side do these countries side with politically and religiously?

**Middle East-Six Reasons Why Iran Will Not Leave Yemen. *Huffington Post*, May 29, 2016.**

1. List and explain the six reasons why Iran will not leave Yemen

**Exclusive: Iran teams with Taliban to fight Islamic State in Afghanistan. *Foreign Policy*, May 26, 2016.**

1. What is the name of the group that opposed the Taliban in Afghanistan?
2. What is the name of the Islamic State's stronghold in Afghanistan?
3. Besides the protection of their border against ISIS what other group does Iran fear? Explain.
4. Why does the United States fear providing Afghanistan and the Taliban weapons to fight ISIS?

5. Identify and explain other odd partnerships created because of ISIS.
  
6. How does religion play a part within the region? What type of Islam does each country and group follow.
  
7. Based on the information provided within these articles, Saudi Arabia and Iran are involved in their own Cold War. Do you believe that this conflict will become an actual war between these two nations? Explain.

---

**Read and answer questions for both articles**

**Iran destroys 100,000 satellite dishes in crackdown. [msn.com](http://msn.com), July 24, 2016.**

1. What was the explanation for the destruction of the satellite dishes?
  
2. What is punishment for having an illegal satellite dish?
  
3. How many Iranians are in violation of this law?
  
4. What are the views of the current president of Iran?

5. What does this law say about the political attitude and support the Iranian government receives from the Iranian people?

**Iran Vows to investigate whether or not Male....is sexist. *Foreign Policy*, August 2, 2016.**

1. What do you think of the statement, “In a society like Iran, if you happen to be weak and if you do not maintain strong ties to powerful people..then you are basically on your own.”
  
2. Based on the injustices presented in the article about women’s role and rights in Iran why don’t women and women’s group advocate for more equality for women in Iran?