**II. Religion and Conflict**

1. Religion in the Region

* Islam is the dominate religion of the Middle East today
* 1.6 people practice Islam today
* **23% -**

B. Muslim Vocabulary

* **Monotheism –**
* **Quran –**
* **Caliph –**
* **Mosques –**

C. Five Pillars of Islam

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

D. Brief History of Iraq

* **1980 –**
* **Saddam Hussein –**
* United States joined forces with the Iraqis in 1986
* However, the US also secretly sold weapons to the Iranians

E. Persian Gulf War

* **1990 -**
* Hussein declares Kuwait a part of Iraq
* **1991 –**
* United States wins the war

F. Results of War

* 85,000 Iraqi soldiers are killed
* Saddam Hussein stays in power
* **Embargo –**
* Caused widespread starvation in Iraq
* **Goal –**

G. Modern War in Iraq

* Results from post 9-11 climate – No real connection between the two events
* Claimed that Iraq had Weapons of Mass Destruction and a connection to al Qaeda - Both are later disproven
* **2003 –**
* Hussein is found guilty of mass murder and executed
* **September 2010 –**
* **December 2011 –**