



MacArthur Memorial Education Programs

The Long Shadow: WWI and Current Events

Directions: Locate three current news articles about events in the Middle East from these suggested sources: www.npr.org, www.cnn.com, www.foxnews.com, www.bbc.com/news. Try to gather articles from a variety of sources, keeping in mind that just as in World War I, news sources can report the same events from different perspectives. As you read the articles, think about the changes that took place in the Middle East as a result of World War I. Consider the following questions as they apply to your news articles:

1. What country (or countries) do the news articles discuss? When were those borders drawn?
2. Which European power used to control the territory that makes up the country (or countries) discussed in the article?
3. Do you think the division of the Middle East after WWI contributed to the issues discussed in your news article? Why or why not?