**Guided Notes – European Partitioning of the Ottoman Empire**

**Standard:** SS8H2 Analyze continuity and change in Southwest Asia (Middle East). a. Explain how European partitioning in the Middle East following WWI led to regional conflict. c. Describe how land and religion plays a role in continuing conflicts in the Middle East (i.e. the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the division between Sunni and Shia Muslims, and Kurdish nationalism).

**The Ottoman Empire:**

Empire: An extensive group of states or countries under a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supreme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Prior to World War I, a large empire known as the Ottoman Empire stretched across \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Middle East).

The Ottoman Empire ended up on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ side of World War I and the empire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The collapse created a lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ authority in the region. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ countries stepped in to establish order in the region.

The main part of the Ottoman Empire became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while the rest was partitioned (divided) by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Desiring immediate control of the area and looking to future oil profits, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ established borders that did not exist previously.

**Effects of European Partitioning**

* Britain and France created \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without consideration of the political and historical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the region.
* Local \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were ignored and tribal unities were disrupted.
* Many different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ groups tried to form a government or gain control, which led to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Muslims were merged into Iraq.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ethnic group (mountain people) was divided among \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Iraq, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jews and Arabs merged in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that had been fluid over many centuries were now tightly defined
* None of the countries wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in charge of them
* The stage was set for big \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the years ahead
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ created during the partitioning of the Ottoman Empire still cause trouble today

**Review Questions**

What empire controlled most of the land in the Middle East prior to World War I?

Explain how European partitioning (dividing) in the Middle East has led to regional conflict.

What were the main two countries in charge of partitioning the Middle East?

Give examples of conflicts that currently exist due to this partitioning.

How does religion play into continuing conflict in the Middle East?