Name _____

Label these places on your map of the Middle East:
You will have to write very small, as you won't have much room. Also, your pencil should be sharp! Write lightly. You may color it—LIGHTLY—after you label it.

1. Egypt
2. Nile R.
3. Sudan
4. Saudi Arabia
5. Yemen
6. Oman
7. UAE
8. Iraq
9. Iran
10. Syria
11. Lebanon
12. Jordan
13. Sinai Peninsula
14. Turkey
15. Mediterranean Sea
16. Greece
17. Black Sea
18. Red Sea
19. Afghanistan
20. Route of the Exodus—the escape from Egypt

Middle East
0 50 100 200 300 400
Miles
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This is the Phoenician alphabet. It was written right to left.

The Phoenician alphabet was perhaps the first alphabetic script to be widely-used - the Phoenicians traded around the Mediterraean and beyond, and set up cities and colonies in parts of southern Europe and North Africa - and the origins of most alphabetic writing systems can be traced back to the Phoenician alphabet, including Greek, Etruscan, Latin, Arabic and Hebrew, as well as the scripts of India and East Asia.

Their names and shapes can be ultimately traced back to Egyptian Hieroglyphs. For example, the name of the first letter, 'aleph, means ox and developed from a picture of an ox's head. Some of the letter names were changed by the Phoenicians, including gimel, which meant camel in Phoenician, but was originally a picture of a throwing stick (giml).

Write a sentence at least five words long. Then sign your name. Exchange it with a friend to have it translated.

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The Early Israelites, Pgs. 81-82 Name_____

1. When did the Israelites build a kingdom in Canaan? _____

2. How many gods did they believe in? _____

3. How is that different from the Mesopotamians and the Egyptians?

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4. What is the name of the religion practiced by the Israelites? _____

5. Which came first, Judaism, Islam, or Christianity? _____

6. What is the name of the language spoken by the Israelites? _____

7. How did the earliest Israelites earn their living? _____

8. Where did they come from, according to the Hebrew Bible? _____

9. They settled in a land they called _____. That land is now the countries of _____, _____, and _____.

10. Who did the Israelites believe they were descended from? _____

11. What were the Israelites supposed to do once they got to Canaan?

_____

12. What would they get as a reward if they did it? _____

13. Why did the Israelites leave Canaan? _____

14. Where did they go? _____

15. Why was it not a good situation in Egypt? _____

16. How did Moses' mother save him from being thrown in the Nile River?

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17. What did Moses believe that God was telling him to do?

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18. The pharaoh told Moses no, he and the Israelites would not be allowed to leave. What was the pharaoh's punishment?

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19. The plagues are:

1._____

2._____

3._____

4._____

5._____

6._____

7._____

8._____

9._____

10._____

Name _____

Israelites—pgs. 82-84

1. What did the pharaoh do after he let the Israelites leave Egypt?

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2. According to the Hebrew Bible, what did God do to save the Israelites, and what happened to the Pharaoh's soldiers?

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3. What is the escape from Egypt called? _____

4. How do the Jews of today celebrate it? _____

5. Where did Moses receive laws from the God of the Jews? _____

6. What were those laws called, and what did they become? _____

7. What was the covenant that their God made with them? _____

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8. What was the Ark of the Covenant? _____

9. What is the purpose of the 10 commandments?

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10. How do you think the 10 commandments have affected our society? (Do people nowadays follow these commandments?)

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11. What belief did the10 commandments help develop? _____

12. Do you think it was successful? (Does the law apply to everyone equally?)

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13. How long did it take the Israelites to reach Canaan? _____

14. Why did the Israelites fight the Canaanites? _____

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15. Describe how the walls of Jericho crumbled. _____

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Name _____

Israelites—pgs. 84-90

1. Where did the Phoenicians live? _____

2. What were they good at? _____

3. What was one of their most important ideas? _____

4. How is an alphabet different from hieroglyphs? _____

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5. Whose writing did the Phoenicians influence? _____

6. Why did the Israelites need a king, according to the Hebrew Bible?

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7. Why did Samuel think a king was not a good idea? _____

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8. Who did Samuel choose to become king? _____

9. Who took Saul's place? _____

10. How did David kill Goliath? _____

11. What are some of King David's accomplishments?

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12. Why did he want a temple built? _____

13. Who became king when King David died? _____

14. Why did the people not like the new king? _____

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15. How many tribes in the north created their own nation and what were they called?

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16. How many tribes in the south created their own nation and what were they called?

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