

SAUDI ARABIA HAND OUT

Key Terms

After reading your text on Saudi Arabia identify (define and explain the significance of) the following.

Crown Prince Abdullah / de facto ruler –

Hajj –

Mecca –

Kaaba –

Medina –

Wahhabi / Salafi Islam –

Hijazi –

Jihad –

Idolatry –

Analysis Questions

Work together to answer the following questions thoughtfully and analytically based on what you learned from Inside the Kingdom.

1. What are possible causes of terrorism within Saudi Arabia? Analyze each. What can you conclude about support for terrorism within Saudi Arabia?
2. What are the sources of wealth, power, and authority within Saudi Arabia? How do these sources of power shape society and daily life inside the kingdom?
3. Why is Saudi Arabia especially important to other Arabs and to Muslims around the world? What are the implications of this important role for relations between the West and the Arab Muslim world?
4. What have been some of the results of 9/11 in Saudi Arabia? Are these consequences justified?
5. How does Islam seem to offer, promote, or allow for the following within Saudi Arabia: extremism, stability, moderation, flexibility, and balance? What can you conclude about how Islam as it is currently practiced in Saudi Arabia shapes culture and politics there?