



## **LESSON PLAN: SYRIA'S ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

### **Part II Historical Maps of Syria**

#### **Student Handout: Map Analysis**

##### **Directions:**

1. Review handout reading "Syrian History after World War I" and briefly answer the questions at the bottom of the handout.
2. Review the handout map on the Ottoman Empire on the eve of WWI. Trace the outline of the Empire and identify the current Middle East countries that were contained in the Empire.
3. Review the handout map on the Picot-Sykes agreement and identify the current Middle East countries the French and British planned to control after WWI. Draw in the general area of Greater Syria designed by the General Syrian Congress as described in the reading.
4. Answer the following questions in discussion:
  - How might the implementation of the Sykes-Picot Agreement leave Arabs with a bitterness against the West?
  - Why do nations like Syria continue to position themselves in order to create a pan-Arab State?
  - How has western and particularly U.S. support for Israel further aggravated their relationship with Syria and other Arab countries?
  - Since World War II, why haven't the nations of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq been able to unite into a single force?