

# Comparing Cultures in the Middle East

	Syria	Israel	Iran
<b>Groups</b>	Arab 90.3%, Kurds, Armenians, and others 9.7%	Jewish 80.1% non-Jewish 19.9% (mostly Arab)	Persian 51%, Azeri 24%, Gilaki and Mazandarani 8%, Kurd 7%, Arab 3%, Lur 2%, Baloch 2%, Turkmen 2%, other 1%
<b>Learning</b>	Literacy Rate for the total population: 70.8%	Literacy rate for the total population: 95%	Literacy rate for the total population: 72.1%
<b>Organization</b>	republic under military rule	parliamentary democracy	theocratic republic
<b>Beliefs</b>	Muslim 90% Christian 10%	Jewish 80.1%, Muslim 14.6%, Christian 2.1%, other 3.2%	Shi'a Muslim 89%, Sunni Muslim 10%, Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, and Baha'i 1%
<b>Arts</b>	<a href="http://www.syriaart.com/">http://www.syriaart.com/</a>	<a href="http://www.israelartguide.co.il/">http://www.israelartguide.co.il/</a>	<a href="http://i-cias.com/irn_art.htm">http://i-cias.com/irn_art.htm</a>
<b>Labor</b>	agriculture: 27% industry: 23% services: 50%	agriculture: 4% industry: 37% services: 59%	agriculture: 20% industry: 24% services: 56%

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<b>Country</b>	<b>Ethnic Groups</b>	<b>Religions</b>	<b>Languages</b>
Egypt	Eastern Hamitic (100%)	Islam (94%) Christianity (6%)	Arabic
Iraq	Arab (75%) Kurd (15%)	Islam (97%) Christianity (3%)	Arabic Kurdish
Israel	Jewish (80%) Arab (15%)	Judaism (80%) Islam (15%)	Hebrew Arabic
Jordan	Arab (98%)	Islam (96%) Christianity (4%)	Arabic
Syria	Arab (90%) Kurd (5%)	Islam (90%) Christianity (10%)	Arabic Kurdish