

# Cultural Geography

## Free-Response Question

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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### DIRECTIONS

Read the FRQ prompt inside the box. Construct an answer that clearly and thoroughly addresses all components of the question. Provide valid, relevant, and sufficient evidence to support all ideas. Use the space below for planning, and see the rubric on the next page for scoring.

Discuss the contested geography of Palestine. Respond to each of these questions:

- a) CAUSATION & INTENSIFICATION: What is the historical source of the conflict (why, and among whom, was the Holy Land ever in dispute in the first place; what is so special about it), and why has the conflict escalated more recently (since 1900) to such a point of hostility between two of the groups?
- b) OBSTACLES TO PEACE: How does the current distribution of Israeli and Palestinian populations present a difficult challenge for peacemakers to overcome? In other words, where are the Israeli and Palestinian lands and settlements, and how does their geographic distribution complicate the peace process?
- c) INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Why is the outcome of this conflict so important to the states of the Middle East, and how might different outcomes or solutions affect the diplomatic relationship between the Middle East and the United States?

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### Helpful resources

- Textbook, p. 216-221
- Videos/text available on the class site ([www.prather.yolasite.com](http://www.prather.yolasite.com)) under the AP tab (dated 01.30)
- Class handouts – chronology of the conflict from ancient times to the present
- Additional independent research

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### RUBRIC

Requirements	Points	Comments
<b>A.</b> Clearly identify the three faiths that profess to have rights to the land of Palestine.	____ /1.5	
<b>A.</b> Accurately explain why each faith believes itself the rightful heir and necessary protector of the Holy Land. Do so by discussing the ownership claim of all three faiths. Then identify three sites in Jerusalem, each sacred to a different faith, that make the question of jurisdiction a difficult one to resolve.	____ / 3	
<b>A.</b> Explain how events in the first half of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century brought the modern conflict between Muslim Palestinians and Jewish Israelis to the front burner. Incorporate 3 specific events and/or concepts in your answer.	____ / 3	
<b>B.</b> Explain how the current distribution of Palestinian lands complicates the peace process. Additionally, describe the <i>Israeli settlement</i> dilemma and explain how it affects the peace process.	____ / 2	
<b>C.</b> Explain why the conflict in the Holy Land is a big deal outside of Palestine. Do this by presenting one possible solution to the conflict, then explain how that particular solution would affect not only the region of the Middle East but also the United States.	____ /1.5	
<b>BONUS: Earn up to one extra point for demonstrating above-average depth of knowledge.</b>		

A (100)	9.5 – 11
B (90)	8.0 – 8.5
C (80)	6.5 – 7.5
D (70)	4.0 – 5.5
F (60)	0.0 – 3.5