

Due Date: Tuesday, Dec. 1st

40 points

You are now an expert on the conflicts that exist in the Middle East. Your job is to create a foreign policy for the U.S. for **one** of these areas of conflict (Iraq, Afghanistan/Pakistan, Iran, Israel-Palestine). Apply what you know/learned about each situation and put together a plan for the conflict of your choice. (Use the internet, class notes and the readings given you) Your analysis should also include potential problems and/or weaknesses

Here is what the format of the paper is to look like:

Paragraph 1 – Opening paragraph. Topic/thesis statement that declares your choice for U.S. policy will be in the region you selected. (Feel free to use the 4 options in the reading as a guideline if you want). Make sure you spell out specifically what you will do but not why. You will explain that later in the paper.

Paragraph 2 – Groups involved in the conflict. List all the different groups/factions involved in the conflict (including the U.S. and allies) and the specific objectives/goals/demands each has in this conflict. Make sure to be specific about the background of each group and how this affects what their goals. Ex. Taliban’s religious beliefs, Kurds in north and their ethnic difference from other Iraqis, Sunni vs. Shiite, Hamas & Fatah etc.

Paragraph 3 – Details/strengths of your plan. Describe what the U.S. stance should be for this conflict. Be specific on what types of aid we should/should not give, whether troops should be involved and how long, whether we should pull out and why and what groups (if any we should support) and why it is good for the U.S. and/or the world.

Paragraph 4 – Potential weaknesses/problems with your plan. No plan comes without risk, show me that you weighed the options and what problems could occur with your plan. What could go wrong if your plan does not work and who might be unhappy with the plan.

Paragraph 3 – Concluding paragraph. Briefly summarize the policy you proposed for the U.S. in the Middle East and why it is the best option for the country. This should be about 3 to 4 sentences.

Overall, your paper will be between 1 and 2 pages typed. It is worth 40 points.

Scoring

<p>7 Opening paragraph has proper topic sentence and thoroughly outlines your policy for the region you chose.</p>	<p>6-4 Improper topic sentence and/or generally outlines your policy for your region.</p>	<p>3-0 Improper/missing topic sentence and/or vaguely outlines some of your policy in your region.</p>
<p>7 Proper topic sentence and thoroughly describes the groups involved and their demands/goals in the conflict.</p>	<p>6-4 Improper topic sentence and/or generally describes the groups involved and their demands/goals in the conflict.</p>	<p>3-0 Improper/missing topic sentence and/or incomplete listing of groups and/or their demands/goals in the conflict.</p>
<p>7 Proper topic sentence and thoroughly describes your plan and why it is the best plan for the United States.</p>	<p>6-4 Improper topic sentence and/or generally outlines your plan and why it is best for the United States.</p>	<p>3-0 Improper/missing topic sentence and/or vaguely or incompletely outlines your plan or missing why it is best for the U.S.</p>
<p>7 Proper topic sentence and thoroughly outlines the potential problems/risks/weaknesses of your plan.</p>	<p>6-4 Improper topic sentence and/or generally outlines the potential problems/risks/weaknesses of your plan..</p>	<p>3-0 Improper/missing topic sentence and/or vaguely outlines the potential problems/risks/weaknesses of your plan.</p>
<p>5 Proper restatement of your thesis statement and completely summarizes your plan for the U.S. in this region</p>	<p>6-4 Improper thesis restatement and/or general summary of your plan for U.S. in this region.</p>	<p>3-0 Conclusion missing or thesis not restated and/or summary of your plan is missing elements.</p>
<p>5 All spelling and grammar correct</p>	<p>4-3 A few errors in spelling/grammar</p>	<p>2-1 Numerous spelling/grammatical errors</p>

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