

Introduction to the Arab World Quiz (Answers)

1. The Arab world and the Middle East are the same thing. **FALSE**
2. The Arab world was virtually uninhabited until just a few centuries ago, and it played no role in the development of world civilization in ancient or modern times. **FALSE**
3. Iran is an Arab country. **FALSE**
4. All Arabs are Muslim. **FALSE**
5. Indonesia has the largest Muslim population of any country in the world. **TRUE**
6. Over 50 percent of Arabs are bedouin. **FALSE**
7. Agriculture is an important economic activity in the Arab world. **TRUE**
8. Snowcapped mountains, forests, beaches, and river valleys are all found in the Arab world. **TRUE**
9. Arab women must keep their faces veiled, and most Arab men wear long robes and turbans. **FALSE**
10. In the eighth century A.D., the Arab civilization of Andalusia in southern Spain was the most advanced civilization in Europe. **TRUE**
11. The Suez Canal is important for Egypt because, as the country's major irrigation network, it waters most Egyptian crops. **FALSE**
12. Syria is a country in the Arabian Peninsula considered strategically important to the U.S. and Europe because it controls important oil supply routes through the Arabian Gulf. **FALSE**
13. Muhammad is the name Muslims use for "God." **FALSE**
14. Muslims, Jews, and Christians all believe in the same God. **TRUE**
15. Muslims believe in the Ten Commandments and consider Abraham and Moses as prophets. **TRUE**
16. All Muslim countries have the same kind of government, which is based on Islamic law and headed by a religious figure. **FALSE**

17. Sunnis and Shias are not Muslim and have been in conflict with Islam since its beginnings. **FALSE**
18. At its greatest extent, the Islamic empire extended from India in the east to Spain in the west. **TRUE**
19. Muslim scholars contributed much knowledge to the West in such fields as mathematics, medicine, and astronomy. **TRUE**
20. Islam has very little in common with Christianity and Judaism, and for the most part, rejects their teachings. **FALSE**
21. Jerusalem is a holy city for Muslims as well as for Jews and Christians. **TRUE**
22. Women have no rights in Islam. **FALSE**
23. Cities in the Arab world look very different from American cities in that they have no tall buildings and very few cars. **FALSE**
24. At some hospitals in the Arab world, organ transplants and other advanced surgical procedures are performed. **TRUE**
25. Until the twentieth century, there was virtually no interaction between the Arab world and the West. **FALSE**
26. The struggle for independence from European colonialist powers contributed to anti-Western feelings in some Arab countries. **TRUE**
27. Free primary and secondary education is available for all Arab children, and all Arab countries have at least one university. **TRUE**
28. Arab women are never allowed to work outside the home. **FALSE**
29. The family is the most important social unit in the Arab world. **TRUE**
30. Arab society has changed little in recent years, remaining much as it was in the early part of this century. **FALSE**