Context / Background Information

**Europa World Year Book Online** provides brief snapshots of countries, including statistical profiles, political history, political parties and organizations, government structures, demographic and social statistics.

**Oxford Reference Online** Entries in many encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press; authoritative alternative to Wikipedia, some entries include bibliographies.

**Oxford Islamic Studies Online** articles, images, maps, and primary source documents from Oxford University Press; covers Islamic history, concepts, people, politics, and culture.

**Cultural sociology of the Middle East, Asia, & Africa: an encyclopedia** / SAGE Publications, 2012

**The Middle East: a guide to politics, economics, society, and culture** / M.E. Sharpe, c2012

Main Reference  DS44 .M497 2012 (2 vols.)  LIBRARY USE ONLY

**Encyclopedia of the modern Middle East & North Africa** / Macmillan Reference USA, 2004

Main Reference  DS43 .E53 2004  (4 vols.)  LIBRARY USE ONLY

**Encyclopedia of Islam** / Brill Online 2017

A comprehensive encyclopedia with broad coverage of Islamic religious study as well as peoples, cultures and the countries in which they live.

**Encyclopedia of Middle East Wars** / ABC-Clio, 2010

Provides a comprehensive study of U.S. involvement in the modern Middle East and carefully weighs the interplay of domestic, cultural, religious, diplomatic, international, and military events in one of the world's most troubled regions.

Databases for Scholarly Articles

**Academic Search Complete** large database with a broad range of articles on all areas of study

**Historical Abstracts** index to articles in world history journals

**Index Islamicus** Includes scholarship from various disciplines written about the Middle East, Muslim areas of Asia and Africa, and Muslim populations across the globe

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Worldwide Political Science Abstracts articles in politics journals

Primary Source Materials

Arabic and Middle Eastern Electronic Library (Yale Univ.)
This digital collection has approximately 350,000 pages of full text, indexed and searchable in the language of publication including Arabic and Western scripts

Center for Research Libraries (CRL) Catalog
Middle Eastern Studies Collections at CRL Oberlin is a member of CRL; strong primary source collections in Middle Eastern Studies, we can order materials from their catalog and some items have been scanned and are linked in the CRL catalog


National Security Archive George Washington University site, scans of declassified US government docs 1985-present

Polling the Nations Public opinion polls from all over the world on a variety of subjects

ProQuest Congressional Bills, laws, reports, and documents of US congressional activities

ProQuest Statistical Abstracts of the World Digital access to many countries' published statistical abstracts, including some global and regional statistical compendia. Includes social, economic and political statistics.

News & Newspaper Sources

FBIS Reports (1941-1996) Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) was a federal agency under the CIA that monitored and translated foreign media into English for the purposes of US Intelligence. FBIS Daily Reports include radio and television broadcasts, news transmissions, newspapers, periodicals, speeches, public notices and government statements

World News Connection (1995-2013) Translated global news sources, successor to FBIS reports

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English-language Middle Eastern News web sites

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Syrian Arab News Agency
http://sana.sy/en/

Iraqi News:
http://www.iraqinews.com/

Palestine Chronicle:
http://www.palestinechronicle.com/

Palestine News Chronicle:
http://english.pnn.ps/

Haaretz (Israel):
http://www.haaretz.com/

The Jerusalem Post:
http://www.jpost.com/

Rojname (Kurdistan):
http://rojname.com/index.kurd?ziman=english

Hürriyet Daily News (Turkey):
http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/

Afghanistan Times:
http://afghanistantimes.af/

Al Jazeera:
http://www.aljazeera.com/

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