SW Asia geopolitics & oil

- A.Kurdistan

- Palestine
  - Balfour declaration

- European Jews

Arab-Israeli conflict

- 1947

1948-49 war

Several wars follow

- early 60’s

- 1967 6 day war
  - gained

1987 Intifada

1993 Oslo accord

- Settlement b/w Israel and PLO

- Intended to stop Israeli settlement and Intifada
Israeli Settlement in W. Bank

Sunni Shiite conflicts

- Iran-Iraq
  - Dispute over boundaries

Ongoing tensions in IRAQ

- 26 mil
- 3 ethno-religious groups

The new Iraq

- January 05 elections
- National Assembly

- New gov’t

- Kurds
  - Demand some autonomy

Civil war???

- Federalism
Balkanization?

Functional region
- Prior to 1950 Agriculture

- Oil: some have it, some don’t

Oil resources
- Region

- Saudi Arabia
  - 2 zones
- Persian Gulf
- E. Algeria, NC Libya

Impacts of oil
- High incomes

- Level of development

- Foreign investment
  - Aramco
  - Western cultural influences accepted?

- Wahhabi sect

Saudi Arabia
- Importance of oil
  - helping to diversify

Demographic transition?
IRAQ oil

- oil reserves
- Sunni triangle
- production
- UN sanctions
- 2004
- Potential for 6
- Despite oil

- Fertile crescent