

**1. A. INTRODUCTION TO THE ARAB WORLD:
AN OVERVIEW
B. THE MAKING OF THE ARABS**

A. PRE-VIEWING QUESTIONS

1. Based on your own general knowledge and on the course material covered thus far, formulate your own definition of the term "Arab".
2. For example: Do you think all Arabs are typically the same? If yes, what makes them characteristically "Arab"? If not, how are they different?
3. How many countries do you know of that you would classify as "Arab"? In which continent(s) are these countries located? Are the physical characteristics of these countries uniform or diverse?
4. Having been exposed to general materials about "Arabs" in this course, what information would you expect to find in an introductory video such as this? What fundamental issues do you predict it will (or should) discuss?

B. OUTLINE

1. Arab World
2. Distinctions

3. Diversity of the Arab World

4. Definition of "Arab"

C. DISCUSSION

1. According to the video, there is a distinction between Arabs, Muslims, and the Middle East. What is the difference between each?
2. Both videos mention considerable variation between and within countries of the Arab world. What are some of the lines along which these variations are shown to exist. (Economic, Geographic, Cultural, Social, etc.)
3. What are some of the most sacred settings in the Arab world? Where exactly are they located?
4. What are some of the factors, practices and traditions that are shown in the films as creating feelings of commonality and affiliation among Arabs as a group?
5. Considering this notion that Arab countries are "united", how would you explain the discrepancy in wealth? Do you think wealthy Arab nations have an "obligation" to assist poor Arab nations? Why?