



Middle Eastern Studies

This handout highlights ARTstor content related to the study of the history and culture of the Middle East, from Morocco and North Africa to Turkey and Iran, including photographs of important sites, people, and historical events, as well as images of calligraphy, ceramics, textiles, glass, and metalwork.

FEATURED COLLECTIONS

Sheila Blair, Jonathan Bloom, Walter Denny: Islamic Art and Architecture
 » library.artstor.org/library/collection/islamic

Dura-Europos and Gerasa Archives (Yale University)
 » library.artstor.org/library/collection/yale_duragerasa

Machteld Johanna Mellink: Near Eastern Archaeology (Bryn Mawr College)
 » library.artstor.org/library/collection/brynmawr_mellink

Shangri La, Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art
 » library.artstor.org/library/collection/shangrila

David Wade: Pattern in Islamic Art
 » library.artstor.org/library/collection/wade

DID YOU KNOW?

Magnum Photos has shared approximately 80,000 iconic photographs, including images documenting 20th century historical events and contemporary life in the Middle East. Photojournalist Robert Capa covered seminal events, such as the establishment of Israel as an independent state in 1948 and the ensuing Arab-Israeli war. Magnum photographers have chronicled political upheavals and their enduring effects on the people and built environment of the region, such as the Lebanese Civil War (1975–1990), the Iranian Revolution (1979), and the Iran-Iraq War (1980–1988). The role of the United States military in the area is recorded with documentation of the First Gulf War (1990–1991) and the Iraq War (2003–present). The Magnum collection also includes images of contemporary life, religion, and culture throughout the region, whether photographs of the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia or everyday life in the streets of Cairo, Egypt.

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SEARCH TIPS

Browse by Geography to find images of specific countries in the Middle East (e.g. Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, etc.)

Browse museums with encyclopedic collections (e.g. *The Metropolitan Museum of Art* or the *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston*) by Classification and then by country name

Keyword search terms such as mosque, Ottoman, Persian, Seljuk, and others will retrieve over 1,000 images — use these general terms in combination with others to narrow your results

SEARCH TERMS

Kurdish Qajar Golda Meir Persia
 Islam Ataturk Damascus
 Persepolis Phoenician Casablanca
 pharaoh mummy mihrab
 Ramses Bedouin Hittite minbar
 Saladin Assyrian Baghdad Bes
 Babylonian Seljuk Suez Dead Sea
 qibla Lebanon minaret
 Suleyman Berber Akhenaten
 anatolia Mesopotamian
 "Dome of the Rock" mamluk

Image Credit: Great Pyramid complex; view northeast, 27-25 centuries BCE | Giza, Memphis area, Egypt | Photographed by Arielle Kozloff Brodkey, 1983