Where is the Middle East?

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Mental Map of the Middle East

• What countries do you think of?
• What boundaries do you imagine?
• What do you associate with the region?
1902, Alfred T. Mahan
1903, Valentine Chirol
1920, Royal Geographic Society
1952, Official British Usage
1944, US Dept. of State
1948, US Dept. of State
1957, John Foster Dulles

Eisenhower Doctrine, military aid and cooperation to nations in Middle East.

Middle East is -- “the area lying between and including Libya on the west and Pakistan on the east and Turkey on the north and the Arabian peninsula to the south," plus the Sudan and Ethiopia.

Also, Near East = Middle East
1958, Eisenhower at UN

Middle East Crisis (Egypt-Syria, Lebanon, Iraq)

Uses “Near East,” not “Middle East”

“Egypt, Syria, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf sheikhdoms.”

(about 2/3 of Dulles’ “Middle East” not applicable)
1992, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
The Middle East