

STUDY GUIDE

THE RISE OF ISIL (ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT)

LESSON 1

- Also known as the Islamic State or ISIS, formed after U.S. troops withdrew from Iraq in 2011
- Targeted religious enemies and committed brutal public executions
- Caused refugees to flee ISIL-controlled areas in large numbers
- Forced over 1 million Iraqi citizens to leave their homes, according to UN estimates
- Began attacks outside of Iraq and Syria in 2015
- Downed a Russian passenger jet, conducted deadly attacks in Beirut and Lebanon, and claimed responsibility for a deadly attack in Paris

SOCIAL CHALLENGES IN THE MODERN WORLD

LESSON 2

Causes of World Hunger

- Poverty
- Economic factors
- Natural disasters
- Poor farming practices
- Deforestation
- Overgrazing
- Food shortages due to war

Global Health Pandemics

- International interactions help infectious diseases easily spread.
- 1.2 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses in 2015.
- More than 2/3 of the 37 million cases of HIV come from Africa, which has been devastated by the disease.
- Global AIDS deaths have declined due to the availability of antiretroviral therapy.

THE EURO

LESSON 3



ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

LESSON 4

Impact of Population Growth



Deforestation (the clearing of forests)
Desertification (formation of degraded soil that turns land into nonproductive desert)

Chemical Wastes

Chlorofluorocarbons (destroys the ozone layer)
Acid rain (kills forests and damages buildings)



Ecological Disasters



Bhopal, India, 1984 (toxic fumes from a chemical plant)
Chernobyl, Ukraine, 1986 (nuclear accident)
Exxon Valdez in Alaska, 1989 (oil spill)
Gulf of Mexico, 2010 (oil platform explosion)