



Understanding the Current War with Iran



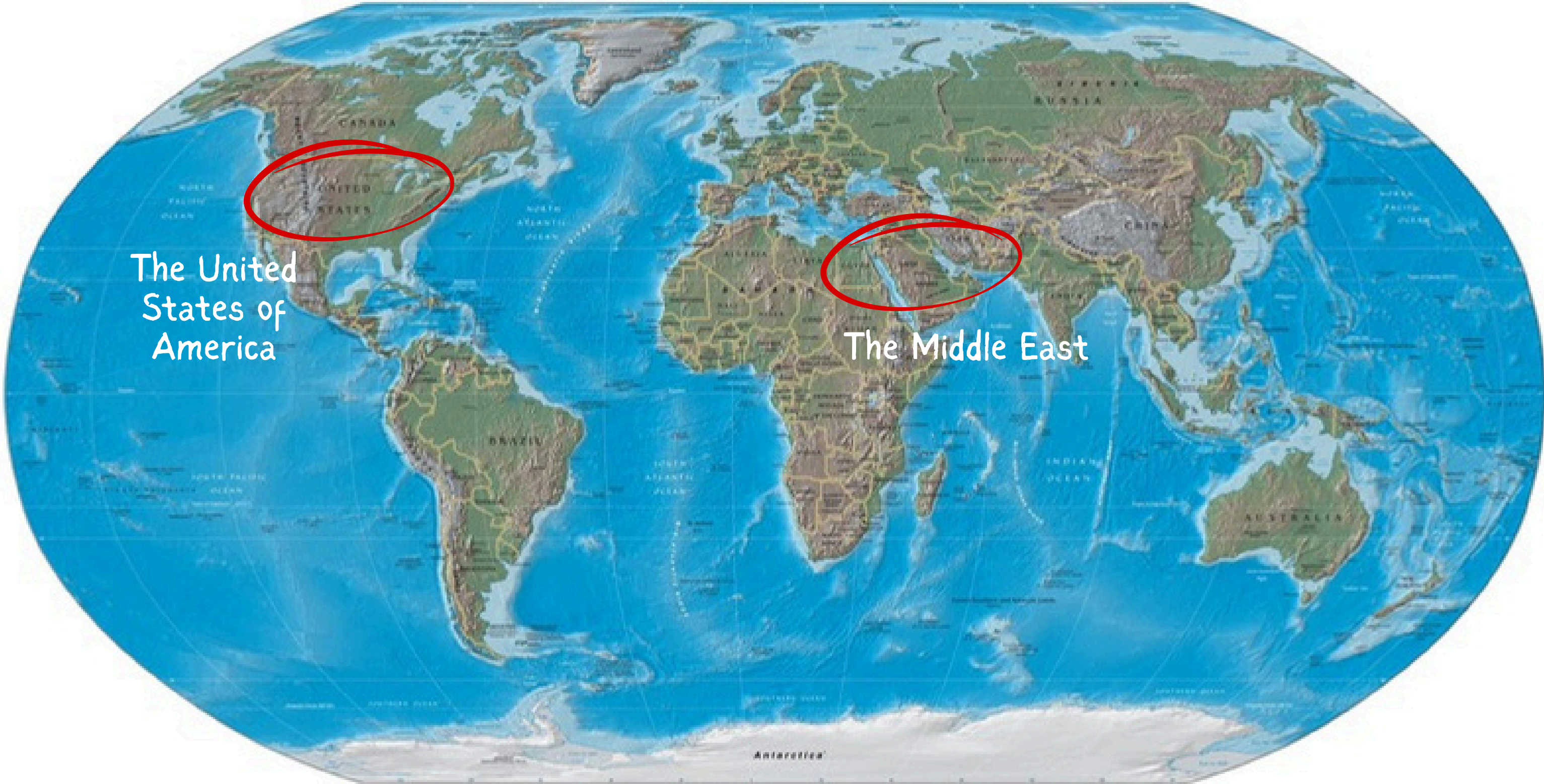
The attached presentation is intended to give teachers a basic introduction to the current conflict involving the United States, Israel, and Iran. The goal is to provide helpful background information so teachers feel better prepared to answer student questions and present the topic in a clear and age-appropriate way.

The material is meant to offer basic context and background, and teachers may choose how much of the information to share with students depending on age and classroom needs.

The presentation includes:

- A map showing the locations of Israel and Iran
- A timeline of relations between Israel and Iran from 1948–2023
- A timeline showing the escalation of events from 2023–2026
- President Trump’s stated objectives regarding the current war
- A brief summary of the first week of attacks in Israel, Iran, and the wider region

Physical world map 2004



The United States of America

The Middle East

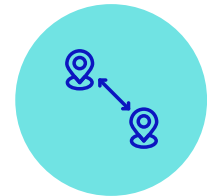
Middle East



Iran is 75 times larger than Israel



Iran is located In between Iraq and Afganistan; it doesn't border Israel.



Iran is about 1,000–1,500 km from Israel



Iran has oil, Israel has natural gas and minerals



Israel has about 10 million people, Iran has about 90 million people.



Timeline



1948

Establishment of State of Israel

1979

Islamic Revolution

1989

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei becomes supreme leader of Iran.

2015

Iran nuclear deal

2018

US leaves nuclear deal

2023

Iran was under the rule of the (secular) **Shah** (king), who was interested in modernization and relations with the West

Iran funds and arms **terrorist groups** to attack Israel (Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Houtis in Yemen). Iran develops **nuclear technology** which is strongly opposed by Israel and the US.

Iran maintained quiet **diplomatic and economic relations with Israel**. Iran was the second Muslim country to recognize Israel as a sovereign state in 1950. In the 1960s, 100,000 Jews lived comfortably in Tehran.

The Shah is overthrown and the new leader, **Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini**, rules based on religious **sharia law**. He declares Israel an illegitimate and enemy state. The new regime is strongly **anti-Western**.

Timeline



2023
October 7

Hamas led a surprise attack on Israel, in which 1,195 Israelis were killed and 251 were taken hostage.

2024
April

Iran's First Direct Attack on Israel

2024
October

Israel carried out major airstrikes on Iranian military and missile facilities.

2025
June

Operation "Am KeLavi"
Israel launched large strikes on Iranian nuclear and military targets. Iran retaliated with hundreds of missiles and drones at Israel. The U.S. joined the conflict by bombing Iranian nuclear facilities.
Iran responded by firing missiles at a U.S. military base in Qatar. The conflict lasted twelve days before a ceasefire.

2025
December

Mass protests in Iran over economic problems and political freedoms. Thousands of protestors were killed.

2026
February

After weeks of failed negotiations about Iran's nuclear program, Israel and the US launch **"Operation Roaring Lion"** against Iran.

President Trump's Stated Objectives

- 1.** To destroy Iran's ballistic missile infrastructure and nuclear program.
- 2.** To eliminate IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps) leadership.
- 3.** To neutralize Iranian-backed regional proxies.

Trump has not formally declared **regime change** as a goal— but it is understood to be the long-term ambition of the campaign.



SUMMARY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF OPERATION ROARING LION/ EPIC FURY



ATTACKS ON IRAN

Thousands of U.S. and Israeli munitions have struck hundreds and thousands of Iranian targets, focusing on military infrastructure, air defenses, missile launchers, command centers, and leadership sites.

At least 1,000 people have been killed and thousands injured in Iran from these strikes.

Among the most dramatic events was the targeted killing of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and other senior commanders, significantly disrupting the Iranian leadership structure.



ATTACKS ON ISRAEL

Iran has fired hundreds of missiles and drones at Israel. These barrages trigger air raid sirens and send civilians into bomb shelters. Schools are closed and gatherings - including Purim celebrations - are limited.

Israel relies heavily on the Iron Dome defense system to intercept incoming missiles to prevent what otherwise would be much higher casualties and damage.

Despite the high success rate of the Iron Dome, there have been 13 Israeli fatalities and many injuries. Over 1,000 people have also been evacuated from their homes.



ATTACKS ON US BASES & ARAB COUNTRIES

Iran has launched missiles and drones at U.S. military bases throughout the region, including Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.

Some strikes have hit U.S. assets directly, and six U.S. service members have been killed.

In addition to US bases, there have also been attacks on hotels, ports, and airports in modernizing Arab Gulf states.

Home Front Command Guidelines



The entire country		
  Gatherings and Services Gatherings are prohibited. *Beaches are closed to the public.	  Workplaces Workplace activities are prohibited, except for essential services.	  Educational Activities Educational activities are prohibited.

How Iron Dome Works:

