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Selected Resources – NOT a Comprehensive List But a Place to Start!

Secondary Sources (articles, books, or chapters from books that describe the history of the times):

Aksakal, Mustafa. "The Limits of Diplomacy: The Ottoman Empire and the First World War." *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2011) 7, 197–203.

This article analyzes why the Ottoman Empire entered World War I.

Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute. <http://www.genocide-museum.am/eng/index.php>

At this site, you can find information, photos, etc. about the Armenian genocide.

Astourian, Stephan. "The Armenian Genocide: An Interpretation." *The History Teacher*, Vol. 23, No. 2 (Feb., 1990), 111-160.

This article analyzes the causes and processes of the Armenian genocide.

Barker, A.J. *The Neglected War: Mesopotamia 1914-1918*. London: Faber & Faber, 1967.

This book tells about Iraq during World War I.

"British Documentary – The Ottoman Empire in World War I." *World War I in the Middle East*. <http://islamandthegreatwar.umwblogs.org/british-documentary-the-ottoman-empire-in-world-war-i>

This short British documentary on World War I in the Middle East can be watched entirely online. It is posted in five short segments of approximately 10 minutes each. It covers most topics related to the Middle East during the war.

Bruce, Anthony. *The Last Crusade: The Palestine Campaign in the First World War*. London: John Murray Publishers, 2002.

The book describes Palestine during World War I.

Cleveland, William L. *A History of the Modern Middle East*. 2nd Ed. Boulder: Westview Press, 2000. Pages: 146-167.

This chapter of a well-regarded text gives an overview of World War I in the Ottoman Empire and the peace settlements that ended the empire.

“Gallipoli: The Drama of the Dardanelles.” *Imperial War Museums*.
https://www.iwm.org.uk/search/stories?query=&filters%5Bsm_topic_name%5D%5BGallipoli%5D=on

This page links to many photos/websites on the Battle of Gallipoli.

Lawrence and the Arab Revolts: Warfare and Soldiers of the Middle East 1914-1918. Ed. Martin Windrow. London: Osprey Publishing, 1989.

You'll find some great pictures of Middle Eastern military uniforms/units in this book.

The Near East and the First World War. <http://www.worldwar1.com/neareast/neareasthome.htm>

This website has articles and photos on nearly any topic. Just click on the appropriate link(s).

Ottoman History Podcast - <http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/>

There are several podcasts about World War I.

Schulze-Taniellan, Melanie. “Disease and Public Health (Ottoman Empire/Middle East). *1914-1918 Online: International Encyclopedia of the First World War*. 8 Oct. 2014.

This article provides an overview of disease in the Ottoman front.

Shaw, Stanford J. and Ezel Kural Shaw. *History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey*. Vol. 2. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1977. Pages 310-369.

This is a brief overview of the Ottoman Empire in World War I (in both Turkey and the Arab lands), the peace settlement that followed, and the Turkish revolution and second peace settlement after that. The assigned pages cover the period from 1914 (outbreak of the war) – 1923 (Treaty of Lausanne).

Tauber, Eliezer. *The Arab Movements in World War I*. London: Frank Cass, 1993. Pages 244-260.

These pages are the summary and conclusions section of Tauber's important book on Arab nationalism during World War I.

Travers, Tim. *Gallipoli 1915*. Stroud, UK: Tempus Publishing Inc, 2001.

The book analyzes the Battle of Gallipoli.

Woodward, David R. “The Middle East during World War I.” *BBC History*.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwone/middle_east_01.shtml

This article is a short overview.

World War I in the Middle East. <http://islamandthegreatwar.umwblogs.org/>

This terrific website has links to articles on many different topics.

Yanikdag, Yucel. “Prisoners of War (Ottoman Empire/Middle East). *1914-1918 Online: International Encyclopedia of the First World War*. 8 Oct. 2014.

This article provides an overview of Ottoman troops taken prison by the British.

Primary Sources (eyewitness accounts such as diaries, memoirs, photographs, treaties, newspaper accounts):

Aaronsohn, Alexander. *With the Turks in Palestine*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1916.

This book is by a son of Romanian Jewish immigrants to Palestine.

Al-Askari, Jafar Pasha. *A Soldier's Story: From Ottoman Rule to Independent Iraq*. London: Arabian Publishing, 2003.

This is the memoirs of Jafar Pasha Al-Askari, describing the author's participation in World War I and in the creation of modern Iraq in the 1920s and '30s.

American Colony in Jerusalem, *Photograph Album, Christian Herald Orphanage*. Library of Congress Digital Archives. <https://www.loc.gov/item/mamcol.091/>

This contains photos from 1919-1922, so the children were mostly war orphan/

American Colony in Jerusalem, *Record Book Listing Girls Receiving Support through the Christian Herald Orphanage, As Supervised by the American Colony*. Library of Congress Digital Archives. <https://www.loc.gov/item/mamcol.092/>

This fascinating book has short newspaper clippings (in English) that provide a photo and brief bio of girls in the orphanage, so as to solicit funds for their support from American donors.

American Colony in Jerusalem. *Photograph Album, World War I, Palestine and Sinai*. Library of Congress Digital Archives. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/mamcol.059/?st=gallery>

A photograph album of World War I from the American colony in Jerusalem.

Best, Kenneth. *A Chaplain at Gallipoli: The Great War Diaries of Kenneth Best*. Ed. Gavin Roynon. London: Simon and Schuster, 2011.

This is a diary from the BRITISH point of view, not the Ottoman, but it's still useful.

Fasih, Mehmed. *Lone Pine (Bloody Ridge) Diary of Lt. Mehmed Fasih, 5th Imperial Ottoman Army, Gallipoli, 1915: The Campaign as Viewed from Ottoman Trenches*. Istanbul: Denizler Kitabevi, 1997.

This diary is by an Ottoman officer at Gallipoli.

Langley, Tony. "The Turkish Army at War: A Photo Essay." *The Near East and the First World War*. http://www.worldwar1.com/neareast/ne_taalbum.htm

This is a collection of photos on many different topics involving the Ottoman army in World War I.

New York Times articles. Do a search of their archives limiting the search to the dates of the First World War and using a useful key word or phrase. (Ask your teacher for help with this.)

Ölçen, Mehmet Arif. *Vetluga Memoir: A Turkish Prisoner of War in Russia, 1916-1918*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 1995.

The beginning of this diary (before he was taken prisoner) tells of the experiences of the Ottoman army fighting Russia on the Caucasian front.

Schreiner, George Abel. *From Berlin to Bagdad: Behind the Scenes in the Near East*. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1918.

These writings are by a war correspondent of the Associated Press of America, who observed and wrote about events in the Ottoman Empire

Times (London) articles. Do a search of their archives limiting the search to the dates of the First World War and using a useful key word or phrase. (Ask your teacher for help with this.)

Turjman, Ihsan. "The Diary of Ihsan Turjman." In *Year of the Locust: A Soldier's Diary and the Erasure of Palestine's Ottoman Past*. Salim Tamari and Ihsan Salih Turjman. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011.

This is a very descriptive diary with information on events in Palestine, on medical issues, and on Arab nationalism in the Ottoman Empire.