

Middle East Politics Paper

As part of your grade, you are **required** to write a paper. The paper must have the following **structure**:

- The paper must be typed using regular 12 pt fonts. It should be double spaced, 4-5 pages long, with 1-inch margins on all sides.
 - **You will be penalized one point for each spelling and grammatical error. You will be penalized for not meeting the minimum 4-page requirement or exceeding the 5-page limit.**
 - You **do not** need research outside of the book for your paper. However, if you use quotes and paraphrase ideas from magazines, newspapers, books, or class readings, then you **must cite the source**.
 - **You must use your own words.** Any copying from the book will be severely punished. Please use in text citation using the following format: (author's last name, publication date, page number). For example, (Lust, 2013, p. 78)
 - **Do not use folders for the paper.** Use a cover sheet instead. The cover sheet should state your name, title of the paper; title of the course, and the date the paper is turned in. Staple the cover sheet to the top left hand corner of the paper. **Late paper will be penalized one full grade for each calendar day late. Late papers must be turned in at the copy room and stamped by the attending clerk.**
1. Use the following definition of democracy: "Democracy is the selection of decision-makers through periodic elections in which candidates for public office freely compete for votes in a society where all the adult population is eligible to vote."
 2. Using your own words, describe your understanding of Islam?
 3. Given what transpired during the "Arab Spring," Is Islam compatible with democracy? Can an Islamic political system be democratic? If yes, then why? If no, then why not?