

Resources

The Three Versions of Al Qaeda: A Primer, Clint Watts, December 2013

<http://www.fpri.org/articles/2013/12/three-versions-al-qaeda-primer>

Wikipedia

Directions: *After reading Watts' article, use his information, as well Wikipedia and/or other online resources, to complete this assignment. You may type your answers in this Word document or create a new document. Please email your completed paper to James Walters through the U.S. History website, either as a Word document or PDF.*

- *Define and identify the people, places & terms.*
- *Answer the following questions.*

People, Places & Terms

- jihad
- Abdallah Azzam
- Sunni
- Peshawar
- Osama Bin Laden (use other sources to find his nationality, family & educational background)
- al Qaeda (translation)
- fatwa
- Taliban
- Land of the Two Holy Places (what country?; what are the two holy places?)
- Ayman al Zawahiri
- Tora Bora
- Khalid Sheikh Mohammed
- Saddam Hussein
- Guantanamo Bay
- Anwar al Awlaki

Questions

1. Explain why young Muslim men traveled to Pakistan and Afghanistan beginning in the late 1970s and the roles of Azzam and Bin Laden.
2. What did these young men want to do in Afghanistan?
3. What was al Qaeda's original reason for being?
4. How did Bin Laden come to dominate al Qaeda?
5. How did Iraq's invasion of Kuwait lead Bin Laden to condemn the U.S. and be banished from Saudi Arabia?
6. Where did Bin Laden go in 1992? What actions did al Qaeda engage in from 1992-1994?
7. Describe the goals of Bin Laden's first fatwa.
8. Describe the goals of Bin Laden's second fatwa. (You may find it helpful to list them with bullet points – in your own words)
9. Describe al Qaeda attacks on U.S. interests from 1998-2000.
10. How did al Qaeda and its leaders survive and adapt after the 9/11 attacks.
11. Use online resources to describe the 2004 Madrid bombings **OR** the bombing of the London Underground in 2005.
12. What was Iraq's relation to al Qaeda and the 9/11 attacks in the U.S.?
13. Who led al Qaeda in Iraq? What two groups did they attack?
14. How did al Qaeda use the internet?
15. Where did AQAP establish itself and how did it attempt to attack the U.S.?
16. What kind of attacks hurt al Qaeda in Pakistan from 2008 on?
17. Who killed Bin Laden? Where? When?
18. How was Anwar al Awlaki killed?
19. What group challenged Jabhat al Nusra and al Qaeda in Syria and Iraq beginning in 2012?