

The Yom Kippur War: Significance for the Middle East and the US

The Arabs had been humiliated with their defeat to the Israeli's in the Six-Day War. They had to take on Israel again to regain their pride. Anwar Sadat had taken power in Egypt in 1971, and he furthered the push for a final settlement to the problem of Israel. Egypt desperately wanted control of the Sinai Peninsula back. War would break out in 1973, and once again the Israeli's were able to quickly crush their opposition. It was help from the United States that would lead to this eventual outcome. This war would be the last major war that Israel would have to fight to secure its right to exist in the Middle East. The question for this assignment is as follows :

How was the Yom Kippur War of 1973 a significant event for not just those involved (Israel, Egypt and Syria) but for the United States as well? Also, how did this war become a clear example of how foreign powers would deal with the Middle East in the future, and what has become their ultimate reason for being involved?

Use the accompanying information, readings from the text, and knowledge gained from discussions in class to answer the question. Make sure to support your answer with good evidence and also design criteria to determine what makes something significant for the country being discussed.

Criteria:

Significance:

Foreign Power involvement in the Middle East:

Marking Rubric:

Categories	Incomplete/Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Approaching Expectations 2	Meeting Expectations 3	Exceeding Expectations 4
Sophisticated Criteria for the Topic are Defined and Discussed	Criteria is not defined or discussed in the assignment	-Some criteria is developed -Criteria is simplistic and undeveloped -Does not help student make a decision on the topic	-Good amount of criteria is included -Some criteria is not sophisticated or developed enough to help student make a reasonable decision on the topic	-Good amount of criteria is developed -Criteria is sophisticated and helps student make a reasonable decision on the topic
Main arguments are Reasonable and Plausible	-No arguments are provided, or arguments are completely lacking logic, reason or plausibility	-Some of the main arguments are lacking logic, reason or plausibility	-Thesis position is plausible -One of the arguments is lacking logic, reason or plausibility	-Thesis position and main arguments are logical, reasonable and plausible
Supporting Arguments Are Fully Explained and Supported by Relevant and Accurate Evidence	-Supporting arguments are not explained or supported by relevant and accurate evidence	-Several of the supporting arguments are not fully explained, or lack relevant and accurate evidence	-Most of the supporting arguments are fully explained and include relevant and accurate evidence	-Supporting arguments are fully explained and include relevant and accurate evidence