The Middle East is a region that includes Western Asia, Turkey, and Egypt.Today, the Middle East is a complex and dynamic region, with ongoing conflicts and challenges. The area was later ruled by the Ottoman Empire, which collapsed after World War I. The Sykes–Picot Agreement in 1916 led to the division of the region into European mandates, and the creation of new nation–states. Its history dates back to the rise of civilization in Mesopotamia and ancient Egypt.