

History of Iran  
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- big, powerful, old/ancient country (500 B.C.)
- Farsi = language
- enslaved Jewish peoples (600 B.C.)
  - King Cyrus freed them
- lots of war & cultural exchange
- highly developed, best off, thriving during Black Plague in Europe
- 1856 The British are taking over/expanding
  - Drew map boundaries
  - Took over Iran
  - Weak shahs, British rule, people mad
- 1921 Reza Khan takes power
- 1935 Persia renamed to Iran
- 1941 Iran makes German ties ---> Britain & Russia invade Iran
  - Reza Khan forced out
- 1951 Mossadegh elected president
  - Takes oil companies back from Britain, nationalizes oil
- 1953 CIA helps overthrow president
  - Shah is back in
  - White Revolution (westernization)
  - BAD, anti human rights, suppressing freedom of speech
  - SAVAK, secret police
- 1979 Iranian Revolution
  - Shah is out
  - Ayatollah is in = very conservative religious leader
- 1980 U.S. Hostage crisis
  - war with Iraq, one million deaths