Syria’s Civil War

Questions for understanding:

1. How many Syrian refugees have been displaced from their country? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Syria can trace its colonial history to this European nation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How did the creation of borders contribute to today’s tension? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Which religious minority has controlled Syria since the beginning? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Why is it important for a colonial power to create religious/political/ethnic divisions?
6. Which group took control of Syria after the French left?
7. Which group is the religious majority in Syria?
8. Explain the Hama massacre and its significance…
9. How did the current crisis begin and in what city?
10. What was Assad’s military strategic, and do you agree with it?
11. Who made up the Free Syrian Army and how did work?
12. How was ISIS formed?
13. What did Assad do to create a sectarian revolution?
14. How were barrel bombs used?
15. Where does Hezbollah do most of its fighting, and which country supports it?
16. What are the current rivalries that complicate the situation?
17. How did Obama react to the Ghouta attack?
18. What was Russia able to accomplish?