

Sociology	Name:
Sectarian Violence	Section:
Leveled Assessment/4	Score:/5

Directions: Read the article titled "The Sunni-Shia Divide" written by the council for Foreign Relations and answer the series of short answer questions below followed by the long response question.

## **Short Answer Questions:**

1. To what extent are political disputes and conflicts in the Middle East rooted in sectarian differences, and to what extent does this sectarianism impact the socialization of members of the different sects?

2. In the sectarian violence a result of the fracturing states and the ensuing power struggles, or is the sectarian violence creating the situations leading to the fracturing of states? Support your answer with examples from the article.

3. Compare the schism between Shia and Sunnis to similar schisms within the Christian church (East-West Schism, Protestant Reformation) and explain two similarities and two differences in how the societies were impacted by the schisms.

Comparing Schisms	
Sunni-Shia Schism compared to	
Similarity 1:	Difference 1:
Similarity 2:	Difference 2:

## Long Answer Question:

1. How does the Sectarian violence between Sunni and Shia Muslims connect to the symbolic, functional, and conflict perspectives of sociology? For each one make a clearly defined argument, support it with reasoning, and provide evidence to support your answer.