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Origin of Vineyards

- Many origins
- Mostly originated in the *Mediterranean* (when people learned to cultivate olive and vine)
- The earliest evidence of cultivation of grapes (or wine, in general) were from *4000 and 3000 B.C. from the Persian Gulf* and *6000 B.C. in the ancient Middle East.*





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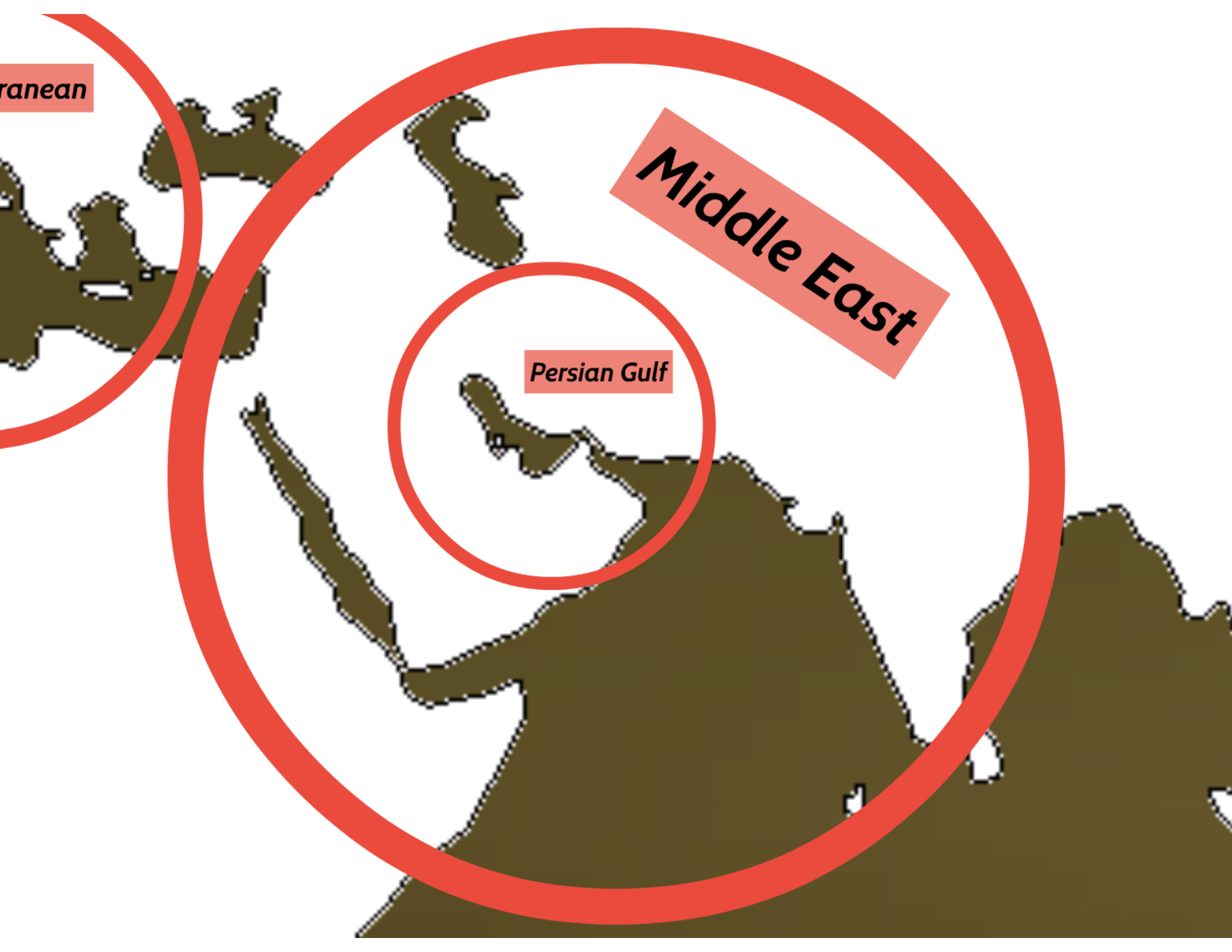
A stylized map of the Mediterranean region, showing the outlines of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East in a dark olive green color. The map is set against a white background. A thick red circle is drawn around the central part of the map, highlighting the Mediterranean basin. A thick red curved line starts from the bottom right and curves upwards towards the circle. In the center of the red circle, there is a light red rectangular box containing the text "The Mediterranean" in a bold, italicized black font.

The Mediterranean

Iranian

Middle East

Persian Gulf



A stylized map of the Persian Gulf region, showing the coastline in dark brown. A large red circle highlights the central part of the map. In the center of this circle, there is a red rectangular box containing the text "Persian Gulf" in a bold, italicized black font. The background is white, and there are some partial map elements visible at the edges.

Persian Gulf

What are Vineyards?

- (Encyclopedia definition): land on which cultivation of the grape-known as viticulture-takes place.
- The primary purpose of vineyards is for the production of wine, but in the New World, it serves many purposes (eating grapes, grape juice, dried grapes, raisins)



Vineyards and Wine in Italian Culture

- Wine is so important in Italian culture. Many festivals/traditions are based on wine-making or wine, in general.
- It is common in many countries to have a distinctive type of food in each region within the country. Italy does the same with wine!

Importance of Vineyards in Italy

- In Ancient Times, Italy was known as the "land of wine."
- Many acres were (and are!) dedicated to cultivating grapes.
- The western civilization's first globally traded product is wine, mostly produced by Italy.
- Italian culture are mostly related to wine-making; many traditions are connected to the cultivation of vineyards.
- Very common for people to think of "Italy!" once the topic of vineyards are brought up.