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THE COLLAPSE OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND  
THE PARTITION OF THE MIDDLE EAST, 1879-1919

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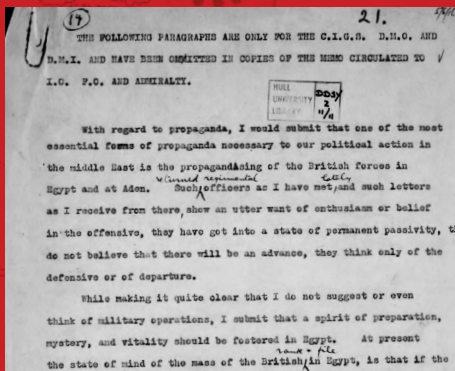
# From the collapse of the Ottoman Empire...

Through British Online Archives' updated collection, The Middle East, its Division into Countries and the Creation of Israel, 1879-1919, study perhaps the most critical period of geopolitical upheaval in the Middle East, which still has lasting ramifications for some of the most pertinent issues in the region today.



The collection is drawn from the archives of the University of Hull.

This collection is drawn from the personal papers of Mark Sykes, a British diplomat who was involved in high level geopolitical decisions during the First World War. He played a crucial role in the partition of the Middle East and laid the groundwork for the eventual creation of Israel through the Belfour Declaration.

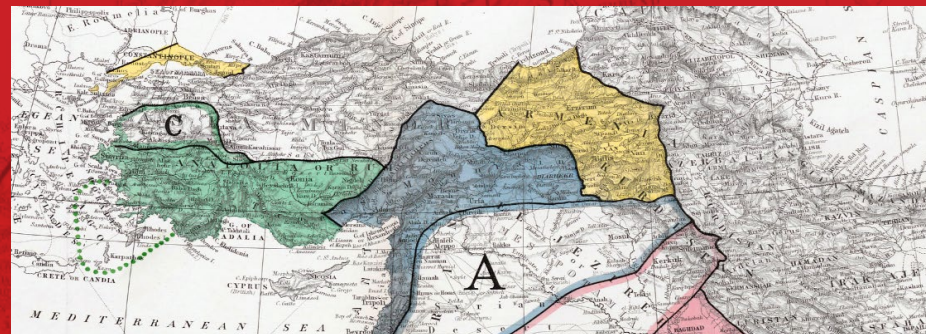


The collection contains over 4800 unique images related to Mark Sykes and his work.

Personal travel journals, government correspondence, and other official documents paint a vivid picture of the Middle East during the era of the late Ottoman Empire and the First World War.

The papers provide an unparalleled insight into how European colonial powers carved up the Ottoman Empire after the destruction and chaos of the First World War.

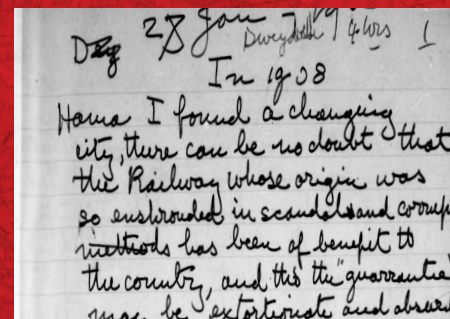
# ...to the partition of the Middle East



The famous Sykes-Picot Agreement of 1916, in which colonial powers divided up the land of the ailing Ottoman Empire, is one of many important issues discussed in the collection.



Of particular interest are the diplomatic and military machinations of World War One.



The collection also documents Sykes' travels across the Middle East with his father during the turn of the 19th century.

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