

**THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT
BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY**
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Introduction

- The Arab-Israeli conflict began over 100 years ago. Why has it lasted so long? What do the sides want, and are their desires so far apart that no compromise solution can be found? Do they all want to find a solution?
- The Israelis say they want peace and a two-state solution, though a minority of them say that they want the whole of Israel and the West Bank.
- The Palestinians say that they also want a two-state solution. However, Hamas, which controls Gaza, and many of the neighbouring Arab states say that they want a Palestinian state on the whole of what is now Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.
- There are two 'narratives', each side giving a different account of events past and present.
- Some people say that world terrorism is caused by the Arab-Israeli conflict; others think that it happens because of British and U.S foreign policy; yet others, including many in the Arab world, are convinced it is because of the Iranian leaders say they want to control the whole of the Middle East, and the intention of the Islamic State (IS) to create an Islamic caliphate.
- In the following slides, events leading up to the present crisis will be explored, the issues of today's conflict will be examined, the ethics of war, the media, religious aspects, and the ways we here in the UK are affected by these events will be looked at.
- The main aim of this work is to alert students to the fact that, when studying events past or present, it is essential to look at what both sides are saying. They will then be able to reach their own conclusions as to the causes, and they may also find solutions which so far have been intractable.

Notes

1. Throughout, the term 'West Bank' has been used to describe the area known previously as Judea and Samaria.
2. Jordan renamed the area 'The West Bank' when it annexed it in 1948.
3. For reasons of simplicity, the views of both sides of the conflict have been described as those of the Israelis, or those of the Palestinians or Arabs. It must be noted, however,

that there are many varying opinions on both sides, and that there are Israelis who believe the Palestinian point of view, and those in the Arab world who endorse that of the Israelis.

Interactive Map

Drag the country's name onto the map. There is no score nor time limit, but rather this exercise is a learning tool. Don't be afraid to make an error, and once you finish the puzzle, you will be far more educated about this very intense part of our world.

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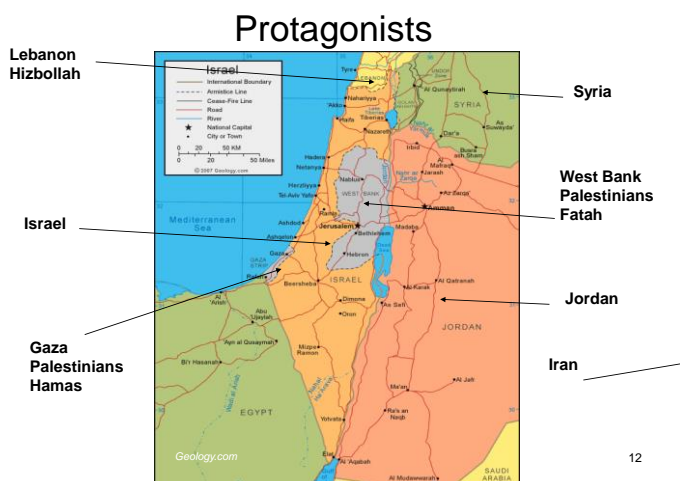
http://www.rethinkingschools.org/just_fun/games/mapgame.html

Suggested Reading

- **A Shepherd's Journey**, Ishmael Khaldi, Khawalid20299, Israel 2010
- **Because they Hate**, Brigitte Gabriel, St Martin's Press, NY, 2006
- **Future Jihad**, Walid Phares, Palgrave Macmillan, NY, 2005
- **History Upside-Down**, David Meir-Levi, Brief Encounters, New York, London, 2007
- **Israel: A History**, Martin Gilbert, Black Swan Publishing Ltd, 2008 or
- **Palestine Betrayed**, Efraim Karsh, Yale University Press, 2010
- **The Case for Peace. How the Arab-Israeli Conflict Can be Resolved**, Alan Dershowitz, John Wiley & Sons Inc, Hoboken, New Jersey, 2005
- **The Lessons of Palestine**, Musa Alami, Middle East Journal, October 1949
- **The story of Israel**, Martin Gilbert, Carlton Books, UK, 2008
- **What is a Palestinian State Worth?**, Sari Nusseibeh, Harvard University Press, 2011
- **What on Earth is Going on?**, Tom Baird & Arthur House, Fourth Estate, London, 2009

Suggested Websites

- United Nations: www.domino.uk.org/unispal
- U.N Refugee agency: www.unhcr.org
- Middle East Media Research Institute: www.memri.org
- Palestine Media Watch: www.pmw.org.il



Timeline of Major Events

- **Ancient History**
- Abraham, two Jewish states, wars, Roman occupation, Jewish revolt (Massada), Crusader Kingdom, Muslim Caliphates

- **Modern History**
- 1299-1922 Ottoman Empire. In control of M.E from 17th Century
- 1897 First Zionist Congress
- 1916 Sykes-Picot Agreement
- 1917 Balfour Declaration
- 1922 -1948 British Mandate for Palestine
- 1922 League of Nations endorsed British Mandate's partition of Palestine, and creation of Jewish state on 22% of British Mandate for Palestine
- 1922 Creation of TransJordan on 78% of British Mandate for Palestine
- 1937 Peel Commission suggested partition of the 22% of Palestine
- 1939 White Paper restricting Jewish immigration
- 1941- 1945 Holocaust
- 1947 United Nations General Assembly accepted a resolution advocating partition of Palestine and the creation of another Arab State and a Jewish state in Palestine

- 1947-1949 War. Cease fire
- 1948 -1967 Jordanian annexation of West Bank, Egyptian occupation of Gaza
- 1948 Establishment of the State of Israel
- 1956 Sinai Campaign
- 1964 Establishment of PLO
- 1967 War. Arab League's resolution, Khartoum
- 1973 War
- 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty
- 1993 Oslo Peace Process
- 1994 Jordan-Israel peace treaty
- 2000-2001 Camp David II, Taba peace talks
- 2003 M.E. Road Map
- 2005 Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah elected President of Palestinian Authority
- 2005 Israeli Disengagement from Gaza
- 2006 Hamas election victory
- 2006 Hizbollah-Israel War
- 2007 Hamas coup; Annapolis peace talks
- 2008 Hamas-Israel Ceasefire
- December 28th – January 19th 2009. Hamas-Israel War
- 2010 Gaza Blockade
- 2010 Peace talks
- 2012 Hamas-Israel war
- 2014 Fatah-Israel peace talks
- 2014 Hamas-Israel war

The holocaust is the subject of separate study.

A useful resource is:

Holocaust Educational Trust:

www.het.org.uk