**Historical Background:**

* Pre-WWI: Area of Palestine under Ottoman Empire
* After WWI: Area of Palestine under control of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (British Mandate) until it became independent
* Balfour Declaration: 1917: Britain supports idea of a Jewish homeland w/ rights of non-Jews protected
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Supporter of a homeland for the Jews in the area of Palestine. Movement began late 1800’s.
* Many Jews began to immigrate to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the late 1800’s.

**Claims to the Land:**

* Israel:
  + Ancestors lived in area nearly 2000 years ago
  + Jerusalem home to most important Jewish site—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Palestinians:
  + Ancestors have been living in area nearly 2000 years
  + Jerusalem home to 3rd most important Muslim site-Dome of the Rock/Al-Asqa Mosque

**UN Plan for Palestine (1947):**

* Partition (separate) the area into 2 countries
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Jewish State) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Arab State)
* 55% of land goes to the Jews
* 45% of land goes to the Arabs
* Total Population: 1.8 million
  + 1.2 million Arabs living in area
  + 600,000 Jews living in area
* Jerusalem:“international city” controlled by UN
* Accepted by Jews
* Rejected by Arabs
* No Arab on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1948 War:**

* May 14,1948: Israel is officially formed
* May 15, 1948: Israel attacked by six Arab nations
* Approx. 750,000 Palestinians fled or were forced to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Over approx. 800,000 Jews in Arab countries also fled or were forced to leave for Israel
* Israel After War: Jordan controls West Bank and Egypt controls Gaza Strip
* Israel takes much of Palestine and western part of Jerusalem—eastern part including religious sites taken by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Perspectives on Partition and 1948 War:**

* Israeli:
  + Creates state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + War of Independence
  + Holocaust and other periods of violence against Jews throughout the past centuries might not have happened if there was a Jewish Homeland
* Palestinian
  + They had no input
  + Nabka: “Catastrophe”
  + Land set aside for Palestinians now under control of Arab countries or Israel.

**1967 War:**

* Israel believes neighbors are preparing for war
  + Egypt cuts Israel off from Red Sea
  + Increased terrorist attacks from Palestinians in Syria and Jordan
* Israeli surprise attack against Egypt
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_days later Israel defeats Egypt, Syria, Jordan
    - Takes control of West Bank , Gaza Strip
    - Control of all of Jerusalem
    - Control of Sinai (from Egypt)
    - Control of Golan Heights (from Syria)

**Perspectives on 1967 War:**

* Israeli
  + Land gained is a buffer zone to deter future attacks
    - Begin to build settlements in West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights
  + Shows Israel is there to stay and must be dealt with.
* Palestinian and Arab Nations
  + Will accept Israel at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-1967 War borders.
  + Creation of Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) prior to war to work for Palestinian State. Violent segments within group begin to dominate through 1960’s and 1970’s led by Yasser Arafat.
  + West Bank and Gaza Strip become known as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

**Peace Efforts Part I:**

* 1977: Egypt (led by Anwar Sadat) engages Israel in peace efforts
* 1978: Camp David Accords
  + U.S. President Carter invites Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Begin to Camp David
  + Egypt recognizes Israel as a country
  + Israel gives Sinai back to Egypt
  + First agreement between Israel and an Arab nation.

**Perspectives on Camp David Accords:**

* Israeli
  + Willing to trade land it has conquered for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Palestinian and Arab Nations
  + Sadat assassinated in 1981 by Muslim extremists
  + Egypt &Israel still at peace

**The Intifada:**

* Palestinian Uprising that begins in the territories and then in Jerusalem.
* Organized protests and rock throwing against Israeli troops
* Begins in 1987
* Over approx. 1350 Palestinians Killed
* Over approx. 400 Israelis Killed

**Peace Efforts Part 2:**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Process
* In the mid 1990’s, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat met to begin to work out a peace deal based on Palestinian acceptance of existence of Israel.
* Rabin assassinated by Jewish extremist

**Second Intifada:**

* By 2000, peace process has faded.
* In 2000, Israeli political figure Ariel Sharon visits Temple Mount (Western Wall area and Al Asqua Mosque area) in Jerusalem
* Violence Erupts
* Buses, discos, hotels, fast food restaurants, etc blown up by Palestinian Suicide Bombers
* Israeli military responds with force
* From 2000-March 2008
  + Over 4000 Palestinians killed
  + Over 900 Israeli killed by Palestinians.

**Current Issues:**

* “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” Palestinian and Israeli leaders backed by US and other countries working towards the existence of Israel and of Palestine. But the following issues remain:
  + Jerusalem: Both sides want it as their capitol
  + Israeli Settlers: For religious, political, and security reasons a large number of Israelis have formed settlements in the occupied territories.
  + Security Barrier: Israel is building a wall between it and the West Bank. Israel sees this as a way to prevent further suicide bombings. In some areas, the wall goes into the West Bank to protect Israeli settlements.
  + Movement: Palestinians need permission to leave West Bank. Israelis see this as needed security, but limits jobs, health care, education, etc.
  + Terrorist Organizations like Hamas (which controls the Gaza Strip) and Hezbollah (based in Lebanon and who was at war with Israel in the summer of 2006) continue to fire rockets into Israel.