

## Arab-Israeli Conflict

### 1. The Founding of Israel

#### 2. Background

- 3. Jewish refugees left Europe for Palestine after WWII
- 3. Jews determined to set up a homeland
- 3. Palestinian Arabs oppose Jewish Settlement

#### 2. Partition and War

- 3. 1947 UN Suggests Palestine Partitioned Arab/Jew --- Refuse
- 3. 1948 Jews announce creation of Israel
- 3. Arabs refuse to recognize state & declare war --- Israel Wins

#### 2. Palestinian Refugees

- 3. 500,000 Arabs driven out of Palestine
- 3. Live in Refugee Camps for Decades

### 1. Conflict Continued

#### 2. Background

- 3. 1956 - Israel, Britain, & France vs. Egypt over Suez Canal
- 3. 1967 - Six Day War Arabs vs. Israelis --- Israelis Win Sinai, Gaza, West Bank
- 3. 1973 - Syria & Egypt vs. Israel Israel wins again

#### 2. Superpower Involvement

- 3. U.S. Backs Israel - Soviets Back Arabs during Cold War
- 3. Both sides refuse to make concessions --- could trigger war

#### 2. The PLO

- 3. Occupied territory -- land seized by Israel during 6 day
- 3. Palestine Liberation Organization formed to reclaim Palestine
- 3. 1970s the PLO committed terrorist acts against Israel Supporters
- 3. Reprisals - forced acts in response to injury
- 3. 1982 Israel invades Lebanon to fight PLOs

### 1. Building a Nation

#### 2. The People

- 3. 90% live in urban areas along Mediterranean coast
- 3. Ashkenazim Jews (Eastern & Central Europe) vs Sephardim (Med & ME)
- 3. Ashkenazim dominate govt first but Sephardim now
- 3. 15% of Israelis are non Jews (Arab Muslims & Christians)

# 1. The Struggle to Achieve Peace

## 2. A First Step

- 3. 1979 Egypt & Israel sign peace treaty
- 3. Egypt is first Arab nation to recognize Israel

## 2. A Palestinian Uprising

- 3. 1987 Intifada (shaking) Palestinians attack Israelis
- 3. Israel fights back Kill rebels destroy homes close Arab Schools
- 3. During Intifada some Palestinians join terrorist groups Hamas & Islamic Jihad

## 2. Difficult Issues

- 3. 1990s groups come together to form peace agreement
- 3. Big fight over Gaza Strip & West Bank
- 3. Jewish Settlers living in occupied land

## 2. The Oslo Accords

- 3. Peace Agreement
- 3. Recognize each other
- 3. Palestinians limited self-rule of Gaza & Jericho (West Bank)

# 1. The Return of Violence

## 2. A New uprising

- 3. Palestinian Terrorists Attack Military & Civilians
- 3. Suicide bombers used by Palestinians
- 3. 2002 Israel invades West Bank (Protect against Terrorism)

## 2. Unresolved Issues

- 3. Control of Jerusalem
- 3. Palestinians want to return to Jewish State
- 3. Jewish Settlements in West Bank, Gaza, E. Jerusalem
- 3. Water Rights -- Who controls what

# 1. The Art of Peace

## 2. Seeds of Peace

- 3. Org. that brings together youth from war-torn lands
- 3. Training ground for peace
- 3. Meet people from the other side

## 2. The Other Side

- 3. Real People who they can be friends with
- 3. Goal to train next generation of political leaders
- 3. Need to coexist despite differences