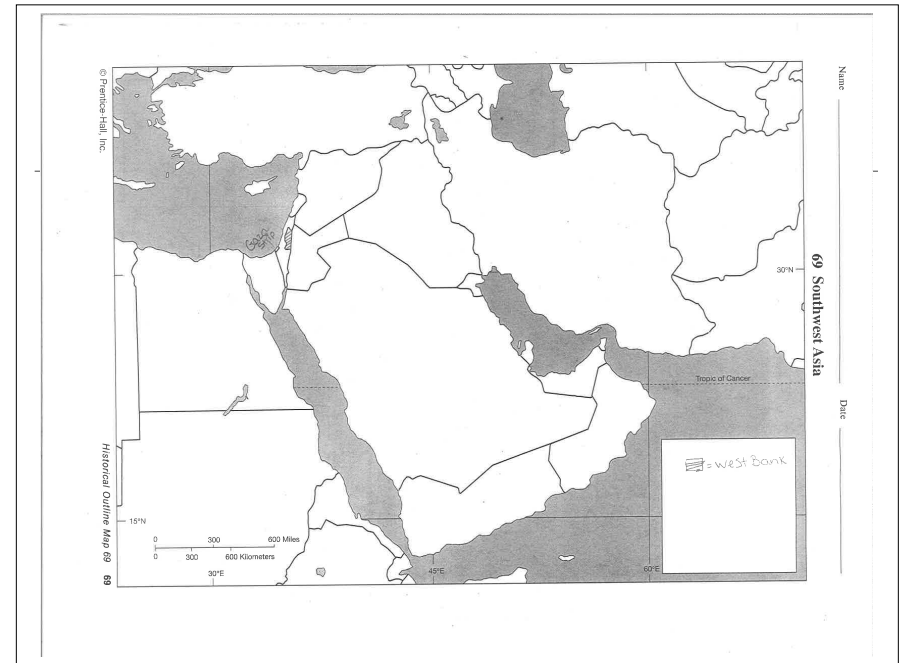


ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

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WHO ARE THE ISRAELIS?

- ❖ People of Jewish/Hebrew descent
- ❖ Claim this region as the land promised to them by God
- ❖ This is the land that Moses was leading his people to during the exodus from Egypt
- ❖ Zionist: Person who believes Jews should be living in their promised land (aka “Zion”)

WHAT IS PALESTINE?

- ❖ Region not a country between Mediterranean Sea & Jordan River
- ❖ Mainly Arab people who practice Islam
- ❖ Palestinians are a people without an official country
- ❖ Has been controlled by many over the years

POST-WWI

- ❖ In 1922 (after WWI) the United Kingdom took control of Palestine
- ❖ This was part of the agreement that split up the Ottoman Empire (remember when we said that Sunni Muslims had been controlling the whole region for centuries up until 1922?)

END OF BRITISH RULE

- ❖ In 1947 the U.K. was going to end its control of the region
- ❖ League of Nations came up with a plan to split the region up
- ❖ Cut out of that region a new country: Israel

PARTITION PLAN

- ❖ Made rules for how they would handle majority/minority relations
- ❖ Created an economic partnership between them
- ❖ Set up for new gov'ts in both areas in 1948

ISRAEL VOTES YES

- ❖ But Arab Palestinians do not appreciate a piece of their land being given away to another group

ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, 1948

- ❖ Arab countries declared war on Israel 1948
- ❖ Peace agreement 1949 defined border lines and gave non-Israel lands to the surrounding Arab countries for their control
- ❖ West Bank, Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem

MORE WARS

- ❖ Official wars and unofficial terrorist/militia attacks almost constantly
- ❖ United Nations jumps in every time they have an official war to make peace

MAHMOUD ABBAS

- ❖ President of the Palestinian National Authority
- ❖ 2011 requests to Palestine be recognized as a country from the United Nations



AT TIME OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN, JEWISH PEOPLE WERE GIVEN 55% OF THE LAND (NOTE THAT BEFORE THE PARTITION, JEWS OWNED ABOUT 6% OF LAND HERE)



Blue: Jewish Lands
Gold: Arab Lands



AFTER 1948
WAR, ISRAEL IS
GRANTED 78%
OF THE LAND
JEWISH LAND:
YELLOW,
ARAB LAND: GRAY

1967 ISRAEL "OCCUPIES"
THE ARAB LANDS,
CREATING
"SETTLEMENTS" INSIDE
THE ASSIGNED ARAB
LANDS.
SAME YEAR ISRAEL
CREATED "GREATER
JERUSALEM" BY
PLACING
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THROUGHOUT THE
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❖ <http://www.bustle.com/articles/32826-where-is-palestine-on-a-map-5-confusing-things-about-the-israeli-palestinian-conflict>