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**Terms: Israeli- Arab Conflict**

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| **Term/Identification** | **Definition/Explanation** | **I think it is important because…/this reminds me of… I agree/disagree because…** |
| **Hussein-McMahon Correspondence** | The McMahon–Hussein **Correspondence**, or the **Hussein-McMahon Correspondence**, was an exchange of letters during World War I, between the Sharif of Mecca, Husayn bin Ali, and Sir Henry McMahon, British High Commissioner in Egypt, concerning the political status of lands under the Ottoman Empire. | This reminds me of the meetings F.D.R Churchill and Stalin would have because they’re all from different nations but they came together to discuss WWI issues. |
| **Balfour Declaration** | The **Balfour Declaration** (dated 2 November 1917) was a letter from the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary Arthur James **Balfour** to Baron Rothschild (Walter Rothschild, 2nd Baron Rothschild), a leader of the British Jewish community, for transmission to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. | I think this is important because the Rothschild family still remains a powerful bloodline around the world. It is one of the richest families on earth. |
| **Zionism** | a movement for (originally) the re-establishment and (now) the development and protection of a Jewish nation in what is now Israel. | I think this is important because the religion or ideology emphasizes how important the Israel land is to these people. |
| **Palestine** | The region in the Middle East between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River. | This is important because Palestine no longer exists due to Israeli settlers. |
| **Mandate for Palestine** | A commission to ask for control of the area of Palestine to be under British control after the Ottoman Empire had fallen apart. | I disagree with this because Palestine shouldn’t have to be under the control of no country if it is to be a holy land. |
| **1939 White Paper** | A compromise in Palestine to abandon separating Palestine apart and instead applied the idea of creating an independent Palestine governed by Jews and Arabs but ensures that Arabs would always be the majority. | I think this is important because the White Paper didn’t hold truth when WWII came around. The Jews became the majority. |
| **UN Partition plan of 1947** | Plan to remove the British Mandate and withdraw British forces from Palestine while also seeking to establish the state of Israel and Palestine and define their boundaries in Palestine and in Jerusalem. Jews and Arabs have to live side by side. | This reminds me of the division between North and South Korea. Only one side prospers while the other side is falling apart. Palestine fell apart. |
| **Six Day War** | War between Israel vs. Egypt, Syria, and Jordan. Started by Israel in response to Egyptian troops near Israel border. Israel struck first. It took them six days to defeat arab nations. | I think this is important because it happens to be one of the shortest wars in the history of wars and it lead to a land grab. |
| **UN Security Council Resolution 242** | Resolution that was affirmed by all that the Middle East should seek a solution of peace and not war. It asked for the withdrawal of Israel forces from occupied territory and to have all the States in the area to retract all claims and recognize each other’s sovereignty and independence. | I think this is important because this resolution wasn’t that effective considering Palestine/Israel’s state as of now. |
| **PLO** | Organization tasked with creating an independent State of Palestine. Was seen as a terrorist organization by Israel and US but changed alter with Israel recognizing PLO as representatives of Palestinians and PLO recognizing Israel existence. | This is important because it seems as though the U.S. is choosing sides between Israel and Palestine. They should be diffusing the problem. |
| **Hamas** | Islamic organization based in the Palestinian territories. | I think this is important because it remains one of the few organizations trying to liberate Palestine from Israel. |
| **Haganah** | Jewish paramilitary organization from the days of the British Mandate. Became the Israel Defense Forces when Israel was created. | This is important because it remains as one of the few organizations still around from the time of the Ottoman Empire. |
| **Irgun** | Offshoot branch of paramilitary group from the Haganah. Was considered to be the “second defense” force after the Haganah when it broke up. | This is important because it goes to show that Israel depends on its defensive forces considering it has two.  “If you want to get to stop Arabic reaction you have to deal with retaliation.” |
| **Camp David Accords** | Secret negotiations between Israel and Egypt with the US playing a role in getting them together. | This is important because it shows the behind the scene pacts that go on between two or more countries. |
| **Gaza Strip** | Region on the east coast of the Mediterranean bordering Egypt and Israel. It is currently governed by Hamas and claims to be the representative of the Palestinian people. | This is important because the people of Palestine need all the help they could get to receive justice from the Israel nation. |
| **West Bank** | Territory on the western bank of the Jordan River, bordering Israel and the Dead Sea. Makes up much of the Palestinian territories. | This is important because this is where many Palestinians retreated to after being kicked out of former Palestine. |
| **Jerusalem** | One of the holiest cities in the world and is significant to Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Is considered the capital for both Palestine and Israel. Is also split between Israel and Palestine. | This is important because for a holy city, there’s so much blood on the land, literally and figuratively. |
| **Fatah** | Leading Palestinian political party and largest faction in the PLO. Known to have maintained numerous militant groups and is involved in revolutionary struggles. | I agree because there needs to be more revolution brought to both Palestinian and Israeli forces. |
| **Palestinian National Authority** | Governing body in Palestine designated to govern the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and “Area C” which are the areas under Israel control. | This is important because the Palestinians are able to govern Israeli controlled land. |
| **Intifada** | Arabic word for “shaking off” but is also translated into English as “rebellion”. Used to describe resistance towards oppression. | I disagree because it doesn’t make sense to convert an Arabic word to another definition in English. |
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