

# Israel and Palestine

Case study

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# Map



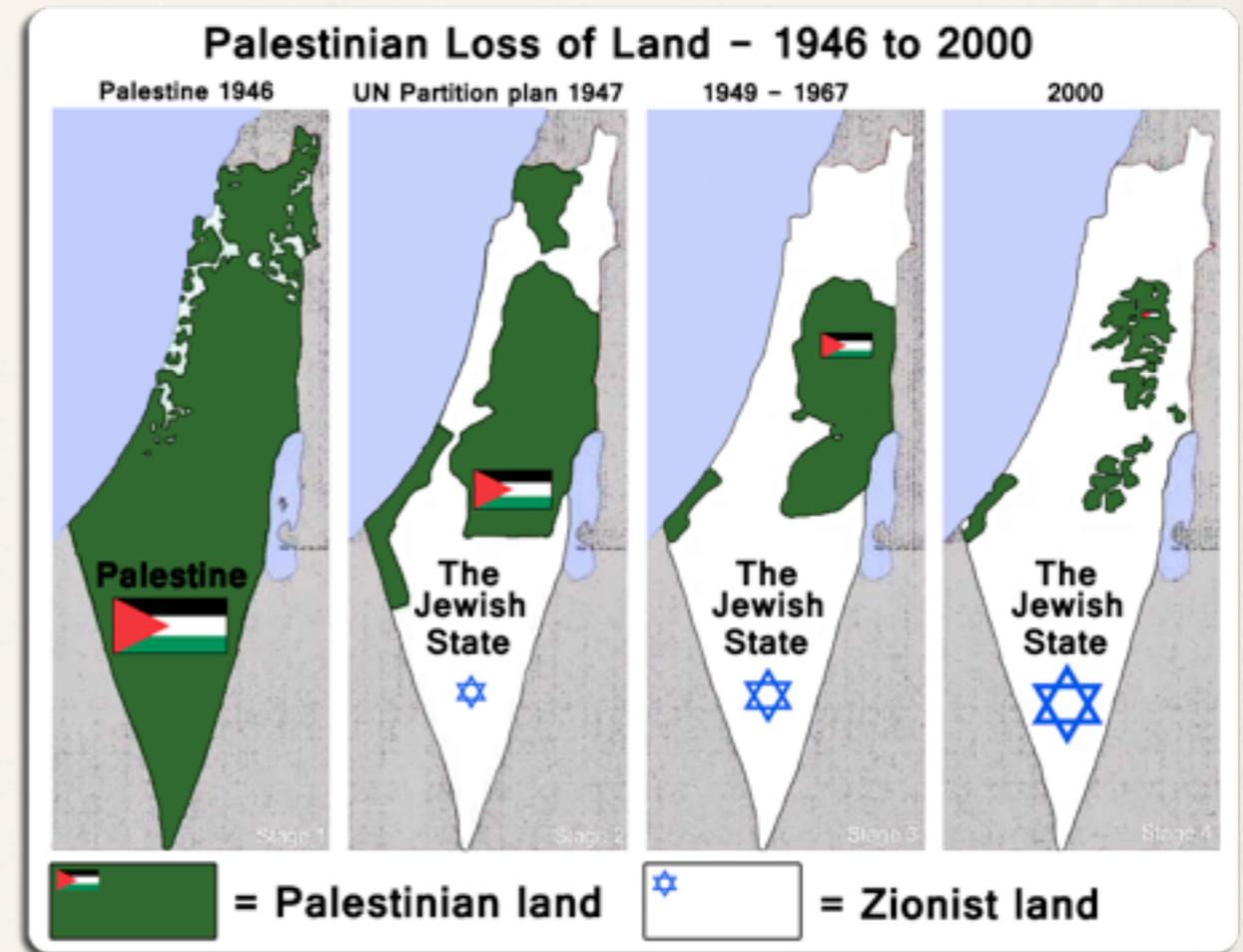
# Area history

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- ❖ This area has been conquered, under rule and / or colonized by Persians, Romans, Ottoman Empire, British
- ❖ Many different types of religious groups and ethnic people have lived in this area including Jews, Arabs, Persians, Phelistines and Christians
- ❖ Palestine was never technically and independent country but was given this name to describe the area

# World War II

- ❖ During and after World War II, the German persecution of the Jews encouraged them to return to the area of their native roots
- ❖ This created a high influx in the Palestinian territory
- ❖ The United Nations felt that the displacement of the Jews from World War II required an intervention and created the state of Israel
- ❖ The USA was and is a huge supporter of this decision



# Palestinian territory

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- ❖ Presently, Palestine is a recognized territory but not a country
- ❖ It is divided into the Gaza strip and the West Bank
- ❖ Gaza is ruled by Hamas (a considered terrorist group)
- ❖ The people who live there do not live in a recognized country, have no passports, therefore have a difficult time travelling or moving
- ❖ There is much frustration in the area regarding land ownership and lack of rights and see Israel as the enemy state
- ❖ Their frustration has translated into attacks of all kinds

# Israel

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- ❖ Israel feels attacked by many of the countries surrounding it
- ❖ They feel persecuted not only for their land, but for their religious beliefs
- ❖ Retaliates attacks with other attacks

# Conflict

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- ❖ The conflict is ongoing and starts and stops constantly
- ❖ Each side believes they are right, and each side uses history and past grievances to support their point of view
- ❖ This conflict is often in the news, with the most recent «Israel rampaged through the West Bank after three young Israeli settlers were kidnapped, even though the Israelis apparently knew they were already dead. This ratcheted up tensions over an action that Hamas leaders in Gaza appear not to have authorized
- ❖ Slideshow