

Timeline: Palestine and Israel

- Print this timeline single-sided to use as a resource for exploring the chronology of Palestine & Israel.
- Each page has an image and description, but not the year.
- Learners can try to work out the correct chronological order of these events.
- The pages are colour-coded so you can divide the pages into groups to look at 4-5 events.
- The final page shows the correct chronological order, but it is best viewed as the accompanying powerpoint presentation.



This powerpoint is also a printed resource. The printable Notes Pages provide an historical description, but no date; the slide show reveals the dates. You can also use the handout resource from Razor Wire.

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Romans take control of the independent Kingdom of Judea.

The Romans destroy the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem.

Photo: ChrisO [Public domain], from Wikimedia Commons

Video: The Ancient Romans and Jews (The Jewish War and Revolt)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVnzUzahqoY>

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Jewish diaspora under Roman Emperor Hadrian caused Jews to spread out across the world as refugees and migrants

- Photos: Jews enslaved by Romans and taken away by depicted on column of Titus | derivative work: Steerpik (talk)Arc_de_Triumph_copy.jpg: user:] בית השלוםCC BY 3.0 (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/>), via Wikimedia Commons
- Photo: French Jews expelled in 1182 | [Public domain or Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons
- Photo: European Jews arriving in New York in 1887 | Frank Leslie's illustrated newspaper, pp. 324-325. [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons
- Photo: The Torah also tells of the Jews exiled in Egypt and Babylon

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First Crusaders,
Christians from Europe,
took Jerusalem and
massacred the mostly
Muslim inhabitants.

Photo: Émile Signol [Public domain] via Wikimedia

Video: Europe: The First Crusade - On to Jerusalem - Extra History - #6

<https://youtu.be/oyYGLoo3bj0?t=449>



Saladin leads Muslims to defeat the Crusaders and capture Jerusalem.

There were more Christian crusades but they never retook Jerusalem.

Saladin allowed Christians to stay and invited Jews to return to the city.

Photo: Statue of Saladin in Jerusalem. User:Djampa CC BY-SA 4.0

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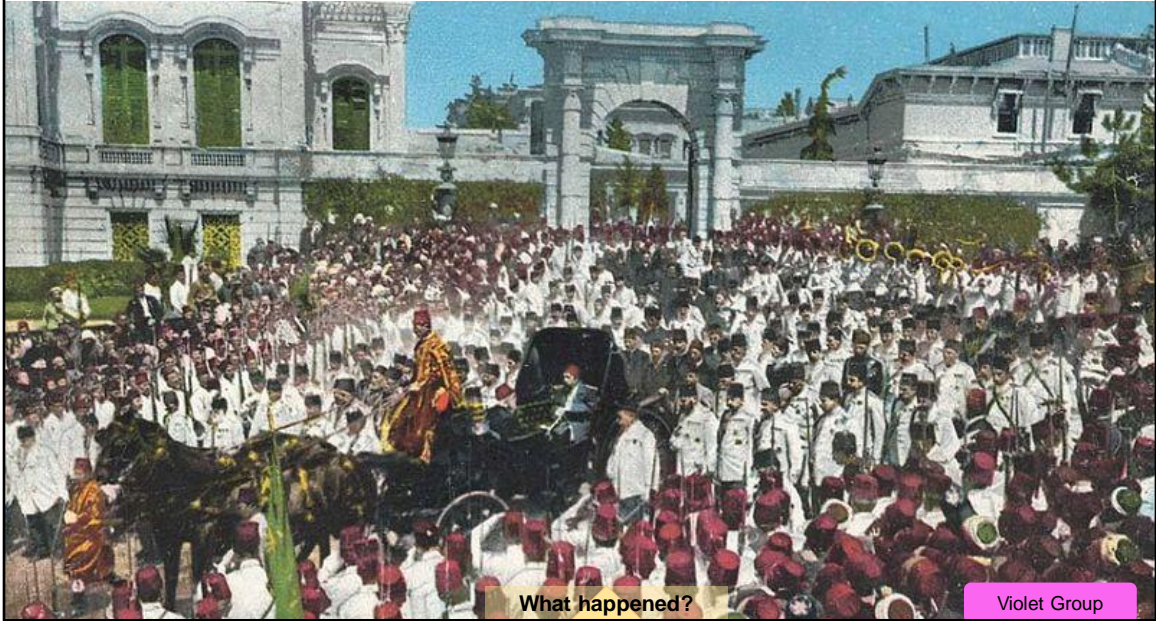
Video: “best scene of the kingdom of heaven” | This is a fictionalization, but Saladin did spare the people of Jerusalem when the city surrendered, and Christian and Jews were able to live and worship there. |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThBOW3ja6hU>

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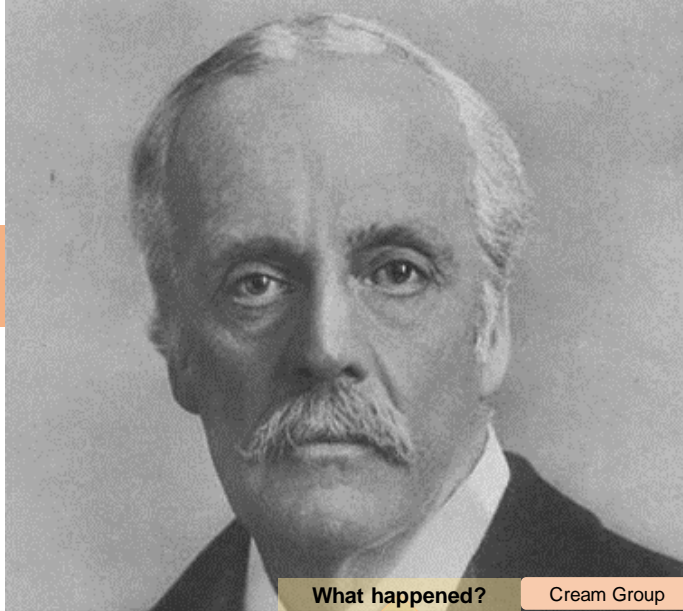
The Ottoman Empire,
based in what is now
Turkey, ruled Palestine as
one of many provinces

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“Balfour Declaration”:
Britain’s Lord Balfour
promised a Jewish homeland
in Palestine. Meanwhile
Arabs in fought alongside the
British to free themselves
from Ottoman rule.

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British Mandate

Having defeated the Ottoman Empire with Arab help in World War I, Britain controls Palestine under a League of Nations mandate. Jewish immigration grows in this time.

Photo: The arrival of Sir Herbert Samuel. From left to right: T. E. Lawrence, Emir Abdullah, Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond, Sir Herbert Samuel, Sir Wyndham Deedes and others. American Colony (Jerusalem). Photo Dept., photographer. [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons



Arab General Strike in opposition to British rule

Photo: Palestine Arabs at Abou Ghosh taking the oath of allegiance to the Arab cause. | Matson Collection [Public domain or Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

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Arab Revolt

fought the British for a
free Arab state, but is
defeated

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World War II and The Holocaust: The Nazis killed millions including at least six million Jews in Europe.

Many survivors became refugees in other countries.

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Learn more: Step By Step: Phases of the Holocaust

<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/step-step-phases-holocaust>



The British Headquarters
at the **King David Hotel**
in Jerusalem is bombed
by a Jewish group.

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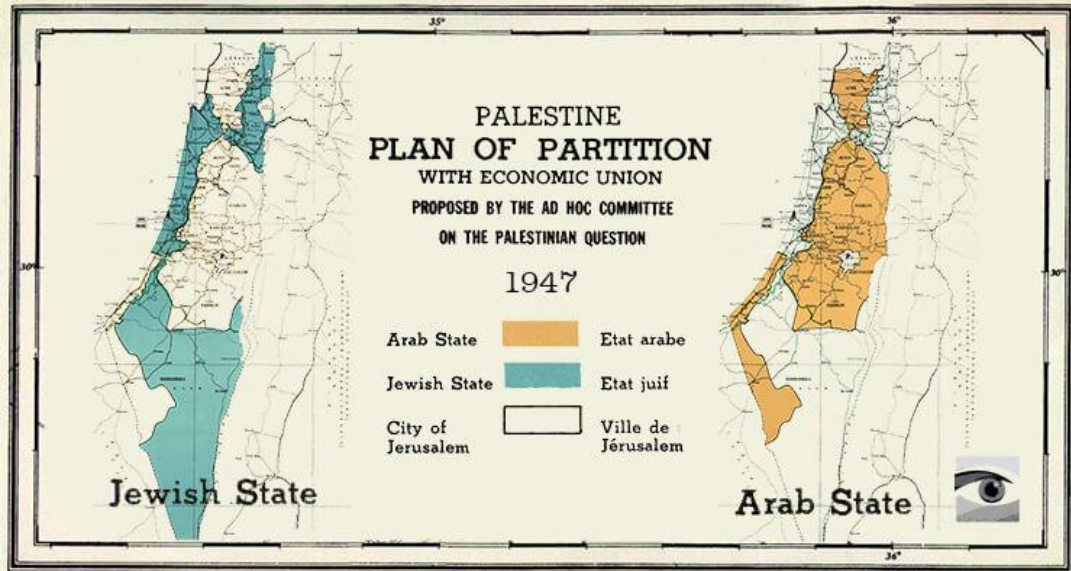
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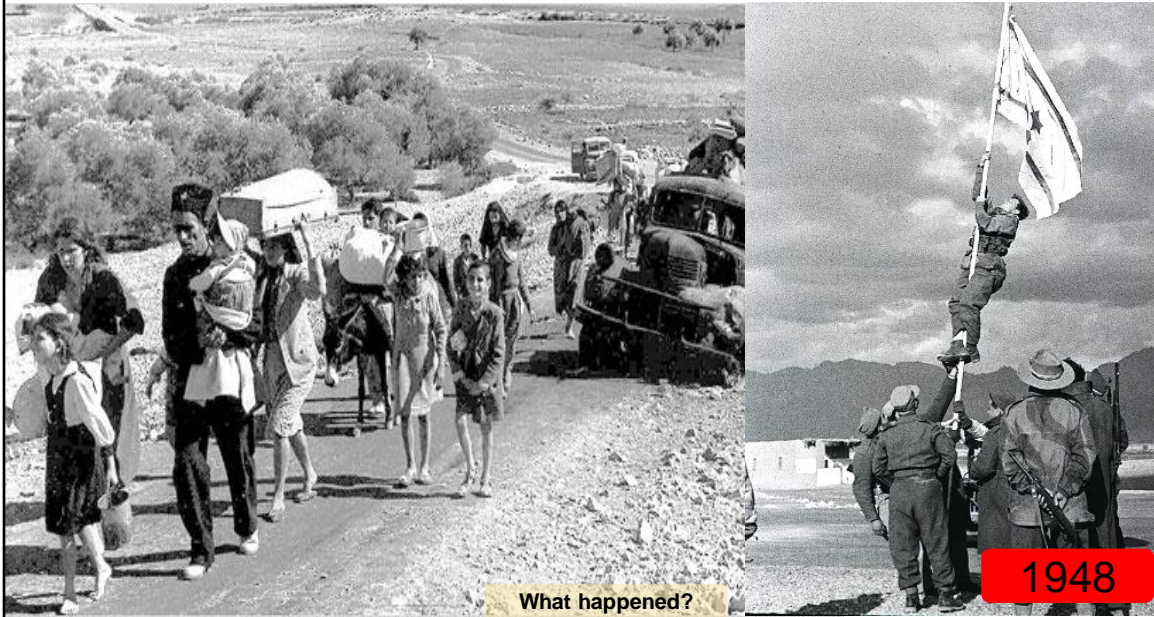
The United Nations tries
to **partition** (divide)
Palestine into an Arab
state and a Jewish state.

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In one year:

- British forces leave Palestine.
- A war is fought between the new Jewish state of Israel and its Arab neighbours.
- It is remembered as the Nakba (catastrophe) by Palestinians and as the War of Independence by Israel.
- The state of Israel is created.
- 700,000 Palestinians are displaced from their homes.

Palestinian refugees: Fred Csasznik [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons
Israeli forces Raising the Ink Flag at Umm Rashrash (Eilat) Government Press Office (Israel)
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Video: The Arab-Israeli War of 1948 and Nakba explained on Turkish TV. The concluding remarks about the "catastrophe" are an opinion you can discuss with students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTMRMX7Pw5U>

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Britain creates **Suez War** with support from Israel to get control of the important Suez Canal away from Egypt.

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6 Day War

between Israel and three Arab nations. Israel wins and begins occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza

Israeli military leaders enter Jerusalem victorious. Ilan Bruner (אילן ברונר) CC BY-SA 3.0 (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/>), via Wikimedia Commons



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Israeli settlement expansion on Palestinian land begins and lasts until today

Photo: Beitar Illit settlement near Bethlehem. P Costello_Betar Illit settlement near Bethlehem Oct2014.

Video: Israeli settlements, explained | Settlements Part I
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0uLbeQlwjw&t=41s>

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The “**Yom Kippur War**”,
named for a Jewish holiday,
between Israel and several
Arab neighbours causes a
global oil crisis.

Israeli tank destroyed by Egypt in the Sinai. Sherif9282 at en.wikipedia [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

Video from BBC about the build up and the war itself:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjd_JGGxRTo&index=15&list=PLt5yLy8nhB7lbM8wR2x1eBFXhDUwk3nxb&t=0s



Camp David peace

Having fought four wars in thirty years, Egypt and Israel sign a peace deal which has held since.

Photo: USA President Jimmy Carter between Egypt's Anwar Sadat with Israel's Menachem Begin shaking hands to make peace.

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Israel invades Lebanon
to fight the Palestinian
Liberation Organisation which
was basing attacks from there.
Palestinian refugees were
massacred by Israel's Lebanese
allies.

Photo: Lebanese army carrier |

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First Intifada or “shaking off” uprising by Palestinians opposing Israeli occupation

Video: <https://youtu.be/So4GNOG5iHM>

Palestinian women at the Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip confront Israeli soldiers over the mistreatment and arrest of Palestinian youths. (photo: flickr / Robert Croma CC BY-NC-SA 2.0)

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Palestine declares independence and is recognised by 50 countries, but not Israel, the USA or Britain.

The Palestinian Liberation Organisation led by Yasser Arafat accepts Israel's right to exist.

Meanwhile,

Women in Black founded by Israeli women in Jerusalem to call for a just peace and end to the occupation.



Oslo Peace Accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation agrees a path to peace.

Photo: Yitzak Rabin and Yasser Arafat shake hands at the White House with
USA President Bill Clinton

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Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, signer of the Oslo peace deal, assassinated by Jewish extremist

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Israel begins building a barrier in and around West Bank, often called “the wall”

Photo- EAPPI | Video from Al-Jazeera: Israel's Wall: Security Or Apartheid? | Direct From With Dena Takruri - AJ+ | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PecEVGStsNw>

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Second Intifada

or “shaking off” uprising
by Palestinians opposing
Israeli occupation.

Detailed Second Intifada timeline from BBC:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/3677206.stm

Video: The second Palestinian intifada in brief

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtfXjRI2AwU>

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“Passover bombing” during the second Intifada kills 30 Israelis

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Video: 16th Anniversary of the Passover Massacre in Netanya, Israel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB3z1yTco7o>



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**Palestinian family
of five killed in a
house demolition
by Israeli forces.**

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Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel started by the World Council of Churches to provide human rights observers in the West Bank.

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Hamas, a group which uses violence against Israelis, elected in Gaza. Israel fights wars against Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

This picture of an Hamas rally is actually from Ramallah, not Gaza.
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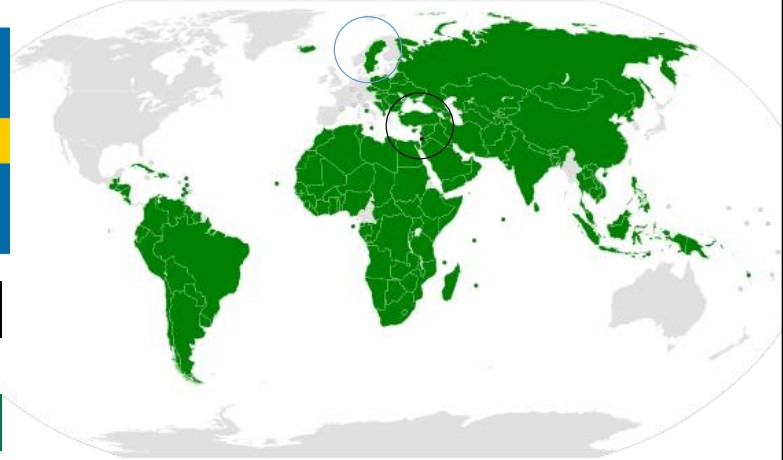
**Israel continually
blockades the Gaza
Strip and conducts
several bombing
campaigns**

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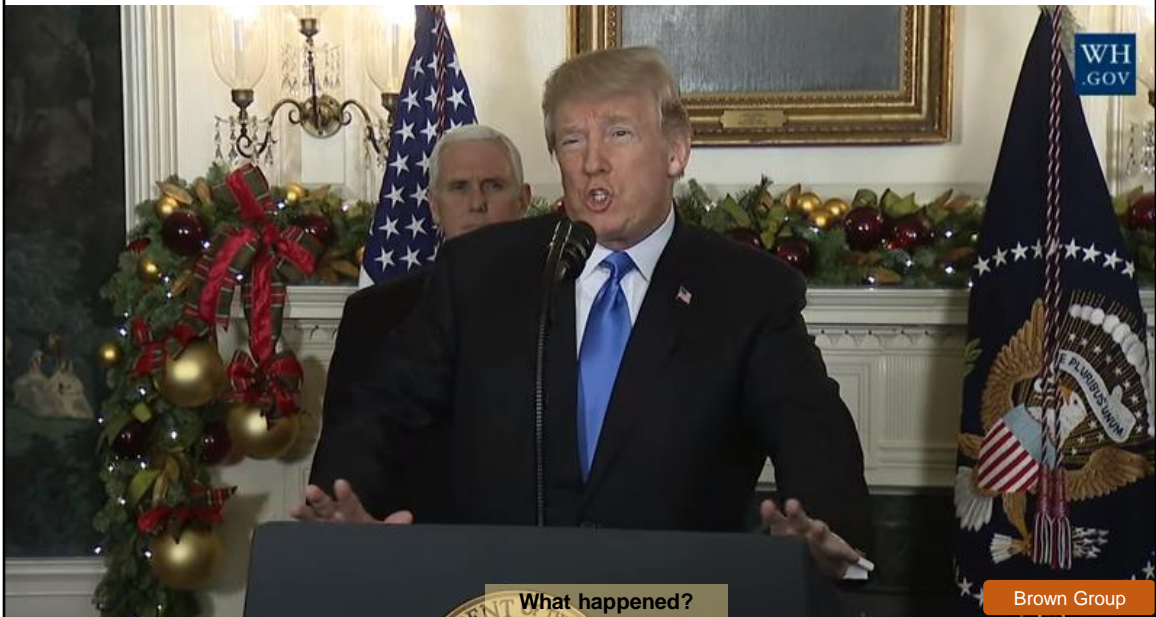
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Sweden becomes one of 136 countries to recognise Palestine as a nation state. The UK still does not recognise Palestine.



President Donald Trump changed USA policy, **recognising Jerusalem** as Israel's capital. Palestinians who see East Jerusalem as their capital were enraged.

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The Great March of Return

saw 6 weeks of largely nonviolent protest by Palestinians in Gaza, opposed to the blockade of Palestinian territory and calling for refugees right to return. 150 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces.

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Click an image to zoom in on an event

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