**Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Webquest**

**Step 1: Visit this website:** [**http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Zionism/herzlex.html**](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Zionism/herzlex.html)

Read the excerpt and answer the question below.

1. According to Theodor Herzl, why Jews need their own state? Summarize his points in 2-3 sentences.

This idea is what initially started the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

**Step 2: Visit this website:** <http://www.cfr.org/publication/13850/> (you may skip the intro)

Select Chapter 1: A Timeline. Navigate the timeline by clicking on the time periods on the bottom of the screen, beginning with the Mandate Period and ending with Diplomacy and Radicalization. Answer the following questions.

***The Mandate Period***

*1914-1918: WWI: Seeds of the Conflict*

1. How did Britain’s actions contribute to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict during these years?

*1929-1939: Jewish Violence, Arab Revolt*

1. What seems to be the initial cause of the violence during this period?

*1937: Peel Commission*

1. What is the proposed solution to the conflict at this point in time?

*1939-1945: World War II and the Holocaust*

1. List 2 ways that WWII affected the conflict.

***The Arab-Israeli Wars***

*1947-1948: Partition and War (Consider map to the right)*

1. Why did the Arabs object to Resolution 181?
2. What 2 significant events follow the British evacuation in 1948?
3. What has happened by the end of this short war?

*1964: Founding of the PLO*

1. What is the PLO’s official argument of why Israel should not exist as a nation for the Jews?

*June 1967: Arab-Israeli War*

1. What was the result of this short war?

*September 1967: The “Three No’s”*

1. At this time, what is the Arab stance to the Nation of Israel? (Hint: 3 no’s!)

***Diplomacy and Intifada***

Read a sampling of the events during this time period. Then, answer the following question.

1. How have the actions of the PLO extremists hurt the overall mission of the PLO? (Hint: consider what they have been labeled as)

***Diplomacy and Radicalization***

*September 1995: Oslo II*

1. Even though it seems as if peace is attainable, what happens after this peace agreement is signed?

*April 2003: Road Map for Peace*

1. President Bush outlines in his speech a compromise for peace. What does he call for?

*January 2009: War in Gaza*

1. Currently, has the situation been resolved?

**Step 3: Visit this website:** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/static/in_depth/middle_east/2000/voices_of_conflict/default.stm>

Read 1 entry from a Palestinian point of view and 1 entry from the Israeli point of view.

*Palestinian point of view:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Israeli point of view:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Write 1 thing the two accounts seem to have in common.
2. Write 1 thing that seems to be unique to the Palestinian experience.
3. Write 1 thing that seems to be unique to the Israeli experience.