


# The developing conflict between Israel and Palestine

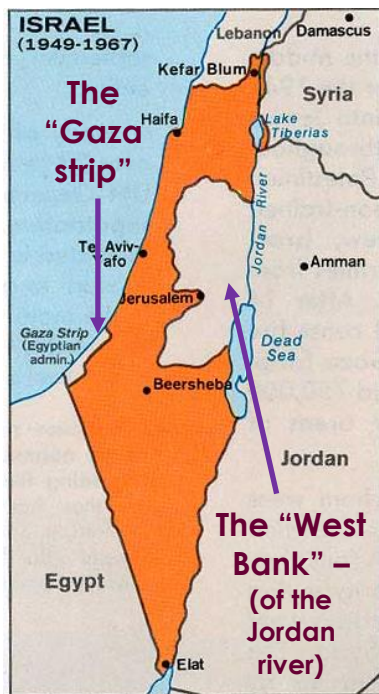


 **1917:** British "Balfour Declaration" promises a national home for Jews in Palestine.

 The land proposed by the United Nations in **1947** also allowed territory for those already living there. Jerusalem was to be shared, under international control.




 When the State of Israel was established in **1948**, war broke out with surrounding Arab nations. After this, Israel held much more land (including West Jerusalem).




 Arabs allege massacres. Many flee to live in refugee camps. In **1964**, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) founded – aim: the destruction of Israel.

 After the Six Day War in **1967**, Israel occupied the Sinai, Gaza, Golan Heights; and took the Old City of Jerusalem (East Jerusalem). Start of building Israeli "settlements" within occupied territory.




 From **1967**, Israeli occupation of West Bank and East Jerusalem.

 **1973:** Yom Kippur war (Egypt takes back Suez canal, Syria regains Golan Heights). **1979:** Peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.


 **1982:** Israel invades Lebanon to fight PLO.


 **1987-1993:** First "Intifada" (means "shaking off") – Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.

 **1993:** Oslo: mutual recognition by Israel & PLO. In **1995** agreed to establish Palestinian Authority.

 **2000-2004:** Second Intifada – suicide bombings.

 **2003 - :** Israel "Defence Fence" built to prevent bombings.  Palestinians claim "Wall" built on their land and economically harmful.

 **2005:** Israel pulls out of Gaza.

 **2006:** Hamas wins Palestinian election.

**Who's Who?**  
**Fatah:** Palestinian political party founded by Yasser Arafat. Now favours "two-state" solution.  
**Hamas:** Palestinian political party seeking the destruction of Israel. Won 2006 election. Behind Gaza rocket attacks.  
**Hezbollah:** Lebanon based militant Muslim group.  
**Likud:** right-wing majority party in Israel. Hawkish towards Palestinians.  
**Palestinian Authority:** Administrative organisation formed in 1994 to govern parts of West Bank & Gaza  
**Settler:** Right wing Israeli living in occupied territory in belief that whole land given to Israel by G-D.