

Conflict In the Middle East Article Questions

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True/False Questions

1. **True / False** – The Balfour Declaration supported the idea of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.
2. **True / False** – Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the Six-Day War in 1967.
3. **True / False** – The United Nations considers Israeli settlements in the West Bank legal.
4. **True / False** – Hamas took control of Gaza after winning Palestinian elections in 2006.
5. **True / False** – The two-state solution proposes separate, independent states for Israelis and Palestinians.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What did the Balfour Declaration support?
 - A. A Palestinian homeland in Europe
 - B. A Jewish homeland in Palestine
 - C. The independence of Egypt
 - D. A division of Jerusalem into two capitals
2. What happened immediately after Israel declared independence in 1948?
 - A. A peace treaty was signed with Arab nations
 - B. The United Nations rejected Israel
 - C. Five Arab nations attacked Israel
 - D. The Holocaust ended
3. What does the term *Nakba* refer to?
 - A. The peace treaty of 1979
 - B. A Palestinian festival
 - C. The creation of Israeli settlements
 - D. The displacement of Palestinians in 1948
4. What was the result of the 1967 Six-Day War?
 - A. Israel lost control of Jerusalem

- B. Egypt regained the Sinai Peninsula
 - C. Israel gained territory including the West Bank and Gaza
 - D. The UN officially recognized Palestine
5. Which group currently governs the Gaza Strip?
- A. The United Nations
 - B. The Palestinian Authority
 - C. Fatah
 - D. Hamas
6. What does the international community generally consider Israeli settlements in the West Bank?
- A. Legal and encouraged
 - B. Temporary housing
 - C. Illegal under international law
 - D. Unrelated to the conflict
7. Which city is claimed by both Israel and the Palestinians as their capital?
- A. Tel Aviv
 - B. Haifa
 - C. Gaza City
 - D. Jerusalem
8. Why does the UN still consider Gaza to be occupied territory?
- A. Because Israel sends troops there regularly
 - B. Because Egypt still claims it
 - C. Due to Israel's control over borders, airspace, and movement
 - D. Because Palestinians have no government there
9. What is the goal of the "two-state solution"?
- A. To split Jerusalem into four zones
 - B. To allow Israel to control all land west of the Jordan River
 - C. To create independent Israeli and Palestinian states
 - D. To return to pre-1948 borders
10. Why do many Palestinians claim the right to return to Israel?
- A. They want to convert to Judaism

- B. They are refugees from the 1967 war
- C. They were displaced in 1948 during the creation of Israel
- D. Israel has invited them back

Reading Comprehension Question:

How have historical events such as the creation of Israel in 1948 and the Six-Day War in 1967 shaped the modern-day conflict between Israelis and Palestinians?

In your response, explain the impact of land control, refugee displacement, and political tensions on current relations.

Short Answer Question:

What are two major reasons why the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians continues today?

Support your answer with specific examples from the reading.