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BEGINNERS GUIDE TO ISRAELI PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Directions: Watch the video, “A Beginner’s Guide to the Israeli Palestinian Conflict” and answer the questions. This is one of the most clear and unbiased videos on this topic I have been able to find. Answer the questions on loose leaf. Following this, you will also watch more biased videos to understand the debate.

1. What countries surround Israel/Palestine? Why is it called the Holy Land?
2. How can “Israeli” and “Palestinian” be defined?
3. How do Jews and Palestinians both trace their heritage to the land of Palestine?
4. What is the “diaspora” and what caused it?
5. What are the beliefs of Zionism?
6. How did the Ottoman Empire lose control over the land of Palestine? Who controlled it thereafter?
7. What did the Balfour Declaration... declare?
8. What factors led to an increase in Jewish immigration to Palestine?
9. Describe the UN Partition Plan for Palestine. Who got what, and how much?
10. If you were a Jewish immigrant to Palestine, would you view this partition as fair? Why or why not?
11. If you were a Palestinian Arab, would you view this partition as fair? Why or why not?
12. What factors led Palestinians to become refugees from Palestine in 1948-1949?
13. After the declaration of the State of Israel in 1948, and war broke out between Israel and neighboring Arab states, who controlled what areas of Palestine?
14. Who started the 1967 War, and why? How did the 1967 War change who had control of Palestine?
15. Reflect on the Palestinian and Israeli narratives. What parts of the story are important to each side?
16. What is the most broadly accepted plan for peace? Describe the key points of the plan.
17. Why are Gaza and the West Bank called the “Occupied Territories”? Why are Jewish settlements in the Occupied Territories considered illegal by the UN?
18. Why do you think a two-state solution has yet to be created? What barriers do you think are in the way?