
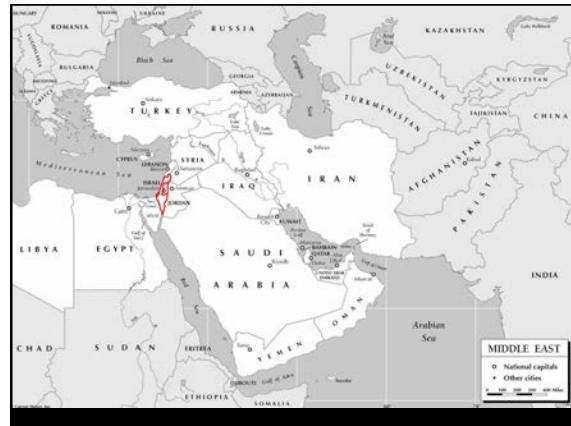





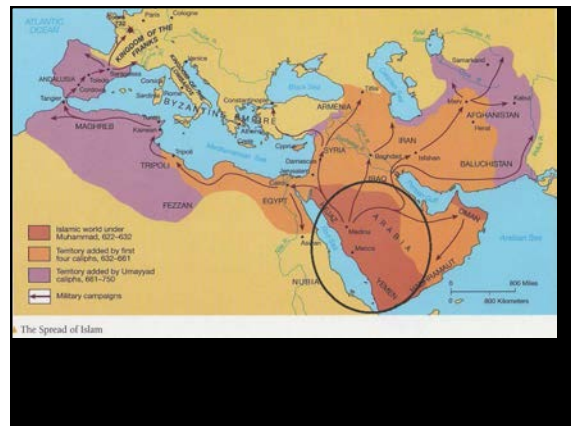
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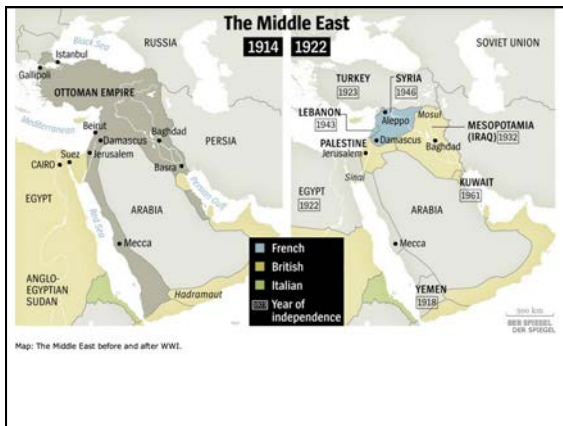
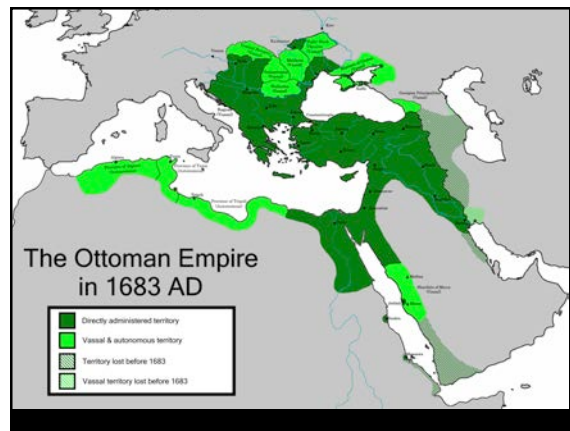
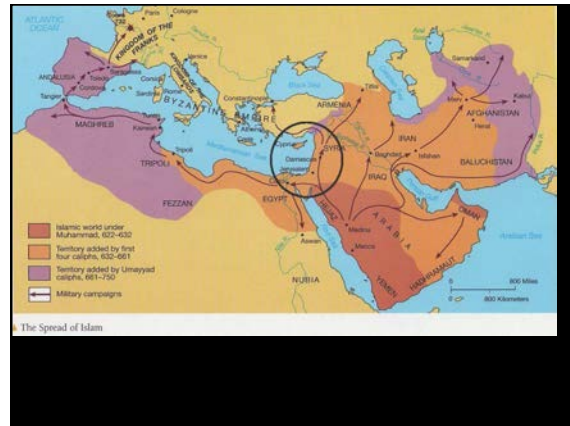
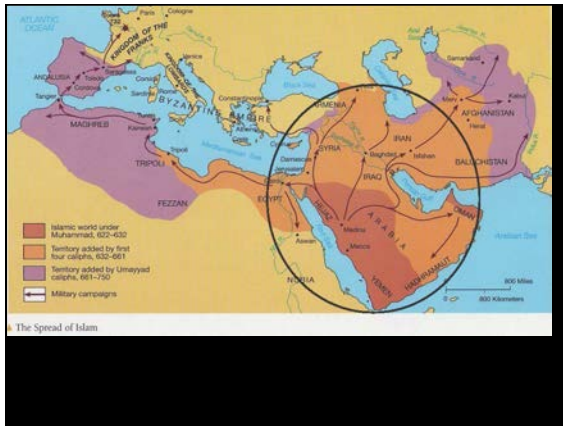
Current Events Wednesday
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Israel and Palestine:
Two States or One?

- Why is this part of the world contested so intensely?
- How did the modern state of Israel come about?
- What is the status of Palestine?
- Are we any closer to peace?





Jewish ****Diaspora**

- For a millennium, Jews settled and lived in Europe, Russia, Northern Africa, and eventually the Americas.
- No homeland of their own.
- 1930s and 1940s: the Holocaust.
- Post-war pressure for a homeland.



Creation of Israel

- 1947: UN partition of Palestine in Jewish and Arab (Palestinian) portions.
- Also, removal from British control.
- Immediate Arab-Jewish War over territory.
- At least 1.5 million displaced refugees, both Jewish and Palestinian.



Creation of Israel

- Full independence of Israel: May 14, 1948.




Ongoing Conflict

- 1948: First Arab-Israeli War.
- 1956: Second Arab-Israeli War.
- 1967: The Six Day (Arab-Israeli) War.
 - Israel occupies the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights.
- 1973: The Yom Kippur War.




A Partial Peace


- Camp David Accords, 1978.
- Egypt-Israeli Peace Treaty, 1979.



Anwar Sadat, Jimmy Carter, and Menachem Begin



Assassination of Anwar Sadat, 1981




The Intifadas

- **** Intifada:** Palestinian uprising.
- First Intifada: 1987-1993 against occupation of the West Bank.
- Second Intifada: 2000-2005.





The Oslo Accords

- 1993 and 1995: recognition of "the right of the people of Palestine to self-determination."




Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, 1995.

- By a Jewish nationalist for negotiating peace with the Palestinians.

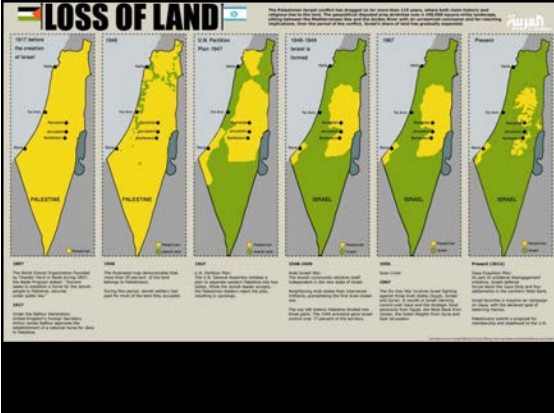



The "Two-State Solution"

- UN Resolutions in 1974 and 2013 calling for two states, one Israeli (pre-1967 borders) and one Palestinian (West Bank and Gaza).




LOSS OF LAND



The Palestinian border under the 1993 Oslo Accords was based on the 1967 borders, which were drawn in 1949. The 1949 borders were based on the 1947 UN Partition Plan, which was based on the 1947 UN Partition Plan. The 1947 UN Partition Plan was based on the 1947 UN Partition Plan. The 1947 UN Partition Plan was based on the 1947 UN Partition Plan.

The Old City of Jerusalem




The Old City Today
1 inch = 250 meters

- A Cathedral of the Holy Sepulchre
- B The Wailing or Western Wall
- C The Dome of the Rock
- D Cathedral of St. James



ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK





US Position Changes

- Previously: favored two-state solution (GW Bush and Obama).
- Dec 2017: Trump announces the US will move embassy to Jerusalem and might cut aid to Palestinians.



The prospects for peace in the near to medium-term future are not promising.