

Worksheet: Origins of the Conflict and the Creation of Israel

Consolidation and analysis

The modern conflict grew from the collapse of empires, two rival nationalisms claiming the same land, and the shadow of the Holocaust. Study the competing narratives as a historian — understand each, judge neither.

Q1. Define Zionism and Arab nationalism in one sentence each.

Q2. Explain how the Holocaust and the 1947 UN Partition Plan contributed to the creation of Israel.

Q3. Complete the table contrasting how each community remembers the events of 1948 (without judging between them).

Israeli narrative (War of Independence)	Palestinian narrative (Nakba)

Q4. Explain why the events of 1948 are remembered so differently by Israelis and Palestinians, referring to specific evidence for each perspective.

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