New Nations Vocabulary

Zionism Movement for the re-establishment of Israel for the Jewish people

Palestine Before the creation of Israel after WWII, the land was called Palestine, a primarily Muslim territory

PLO The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) was founded as a result of the re-establishment of Israel. It calls for an independent Palestine

Mohandas Gandhi Known for his non-violent actions against the British Empire and helped lead India to its independence.

Non-violent protest Instead of using weapons, Gandhi used non-aggression, protests, speeches, hunger strikes, boycotts, etc. which led to the independence of India.

Jawaharlal Nehru Co-leader of the Indian Independence movement and was the first Prime Minister of India.

Indian National Congress One of the largest political parties in India, the INC encouraged independence and was supported by Nehru and Gandhi.

Muslim League A group that wanted to create an independent Muslim nation because it was worried that if India gained its independence, the minority Muslim population would not be heard in a majority Hindu nation.

Muhammad Ali Jinnah A major advocate of the Muslim League and served as a leader in Pakistan after the split of the Indian Subcontinent.

Pan-Africanism Movement to unify all people of African descent in order to improve their economic, social and political placement in society

Decolonization The action of colonial powers granting independence to former colonies

Partition Plan The United Nations’ plan to create a new Israel, it involved dividing (partitioning) Palestine to create room for the Israel

Israel A homeland for Jewish people created in the same territory as ancient Israel

Suez Canal Crisis 1956 conflict when Israel, France and Britain invaded Egypt to remove control of the Suez from Egypt, the United States, USSR and UN forced them to withdraw

6 Days War 1967 conflict between Israel, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon. Israel won, gaining the Gaza Strip and Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, Golan Heights from Syria, and the West Bank from Jordan

Yom Kippur War 1973 conflict between Israel, Egypt and Syria. It will eventually lead to peace talks between Egypt and Israel, known as the Camp David Accords

2 State Solution Belief that Israel and Palestine can and should exist side by side

Gaza Strip Narrow piece of Palestine territory that borders Egypt and Israel

West Bank Land contested between Israel and Palestine, it is located along the western bank of the Dead Sea and the western bank of the Jordan River

Golan Heights Land claimed by Israel after 6 Days War but the control is disputed by the international community