**World History**

**Measurement Topic 5: The Cold War**

**Level 3: Learn it, study it**, and then test it

**Learning Target #1 Creation of the Nation of Israel**

**Directions:**

1st- Number the paragraphs

2nd - Independently read the passage, and circle words you don’t know. Predict the meaning of the words.

3rd- Read the passage a second time with a partner, highlight information and write side notes.

4th- Answer the questions in complete sentences.

At the end of World War II, European nations were faced with the crimes of the Nazi government. One of those crimes being the holocaust of the Jews and other unwanted races. Many Jews were left homeless at the end of the war, which lead to a huge situation the European nations had to deal with; what to do with all the homeless Jews. Many people felt that it would be best for the Jews if they had their own homeland/country. This idea became known as Zionism. Zionist someone who believed in Zionism, wanted to unite the Jews from all over the world in one nation where they would be free to worship their religion and be free of persecution as a result of their religion. They hoped that by helping the Jews create their own nations, there would never be another holocaust.

The Zionism movement gained many supporters. Those supporters felt that the Jewish nation should be created in Palestine, which was the original homeland of the Jewish people. The Jews had been forced to leave Palestine during the time of the Roman Empire. England a supporter of the creation of a Jewish nation, controlled Palestine, since Palestine was part of the English mandate system. (Mandate system was created after WW1 to help support the newly created nations). The United Nations, the new peace keeping organization, ordered the creation of the Jewish nation, and the nation of Israel was created in 1947. The United Nations did not ask Palestine to give up some of its land, the United Nations just made the decisions to create the new nation of Israel out of Palestine.

Almost immediately, the nation of Israel was attacked by the Muslim nations surrounding it. The Muslim nations did not support the creation of Israel at the expense of one of its Muslim nations, Palestine. Also the city of Jerusalem is seen as the holiest city for all three of the major religions of the world; Judaism (Jews), Christianity, and Islam (Muslims), which has caused conflicts within the city of Jerusalem over control.

The nation of Israel faced many struggles, but with the support of the United States, and other democratic nations, the nation of Israel has overcome many issues and is now a home for Jews. The Nation of Israel still deals with issues from its Arabian neighbors, but it has shown the world it is a strong nation.

**Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

1. Why was the nation of Israel created?
2. Why was the area of Palestine selected as the new nation of Israel?
3. Identify the issues generated as a result of the creation of the nation of Israel?
4. What city is a holy city for all three major religions?
5. What is Zionism?
6. What year was the Jewish nation of Israel created?

Write a summary about the creation of the Nation of Israel and current issues.

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**Directions: The following questions are based on the accompanying documents/graphs/maps/quotes. As you read and analyze (think about) each document/graph/map/quote be sure to:**

1nd - Independently read the chart, passage, and/or map

2nd- Circle words you don’t know. Predict or find the meaning of the words.

3rd- Read the chart, passage and/or map a second time with a partner, highlight information and write side notes.

4th- Answer the questions in complete sentences.

**Document 1**

**Israeli Declaration of Independence (May 14, 1948)**

The land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and national identity was formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world…

On November 29, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a Resolution for the establishment of an independent Jewish State in Palestine, and called upon the inhabitants of the country to take such steps as may be necessary on their part to put the plan into effect.

This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their Independent State may not be revoked. It is, moreover, the self-evident right of the Jewish people to be a nation, as all other nations, in its own Sovereign State.

ACCORDINGLY, WE, the members of the National Council… HEREBY PROCLAIM the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine, to be called ISRAEL.

1. According to the document, who created the independent Jewish state in Palestine?
2. According to the document, why does the National council feel that Palestine is the place the Jewish people should live?

**Document 2**

**Arab League, “Declaration on the Invasion of Palestine” (May 15, 1948)**

*The Arab League includes Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, and Yemen.*

England administered Palestine in a manner which enabled the Jews to flood it with immigrants and helped them to settle in the country... England did not pay regard to the interests or rights of the Arab inhabitants, the lawful owners of the country…

Now that the British mandate over Palestine has come to an end, without there being a legitimate constitutional authority in the country, which would safeguard the maintenance of security and respect for law and which would protect the lives and properties of the inhabitants, the Governments of the Arab States declare the following:

*First*: That the rule of Palestine should revert to its inhabitants… and that [the Palestinians] should alone have the right to determine their future.

*Second*: Security and order in Palestine have become disrupted. The Zionist aggression resulted in the exodus [departure] of more than a quarter of a million of its Arab inhabitants from their homes…

Seventh: The Governments of the Arab States recognize that the independence of Palestine, which has so far been suppressed by the British Mandate, has become an accomplished fact for the lawful inhabitants of Palestine. They alone, by virtue of their absolute sovereignty, have the right to provide their country with laws and governmental institutions. They alone should exercise the attributes of their independence, through their own means and without any kind of foreign interference, immediately after peace, security, and the rule of law have been restored to the country.

1. According to the document, who is part of the Arab League?
2. According to the document what should happen since the British mandate over Palestine is no longer in effect?
3. According to the document who should have control over Palestine? Cite evidence!!!!