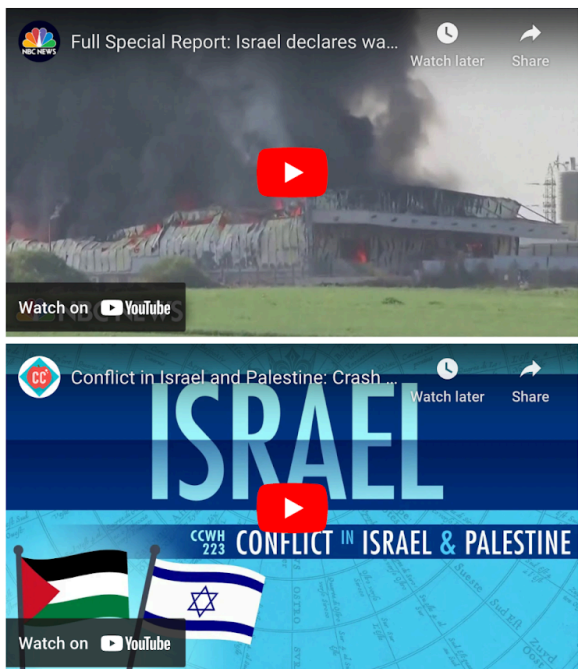
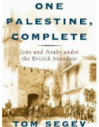



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Getting up to speed on current events:

This week has brought about profound challenges in our world. I have compiled a [comprehensive guide](#) accessible through the library website that can assist you in gaining a deeper comprehension of various aspects, ranging from the historical context of the conflict to effective ways of coping with feelings of grief. Please don't hesitate to visit in person or reach out via Gchat if you require additional resources. I'd like to extend my gratitude to the DEI office for the enlightening video they shared earlier this week, which is also included for your reference.

Current Events: Israel-Gaza Conflict: Home

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| <p>Trusted News Sources</p> <p>Follow these sources for live updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Guardian- Israel Page• CNN- Live Updates• White House Briefing Room• AP News Israel-Gaza Page• New York Times- Israel-Gaza Page• BBC News- Middle East Page• Reuters- Middle East News• al Jazeera- Middle East News• US Department of State• Times of Israel• Haaretz | <p>Video</p>  <p>Watch on YouTube</p> | <p>Background Articles and Explainers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Global Context for the Hamas-Israel War (NYT)• Israel-Hamas war: How did this happen? (Sky News)• Israel and Hamas 'at war': How did we get here and how is it playing out? (Australia Broadcast Company))• Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (Council on Foreign Relations)• Israeli-Palestinian Crisis, Reignited (NYT Audio)• What You Need to Know About the Israel-Hamas War (Foreign Policy) |
| <p>MAL and DIS Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• News Literacy: Israel Hamas Conflict | | |
| <p>Helpful Books for Historical Reference</p>  <p>One Palestine, Complete by Tom Segev; Haim Watzman (Translator) ISBN: 0805048480 Publication Date: 2000-11-14</p>  <p>The Balfour Declaration by The Balfour Declaration</p> | | <p>Sources for Dealing with Grief and Trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vicarious Traumatization and its Impact on Teens• Supporting our children and teens through vicarious trauma• Compassion fatigue: what is it and what can we do?• Leading Resilience: A Guide for Editors and News Managers on Working with Freelancers Exposed to Trauma |

How to be a good consumer of news! Use these steps to help detect bias in reporting:

1. **Diversify Your Sources:** Rely on a variety of news sources from different perspectives. Reading a range of sources can help you see how different outlets cover the same story.
2. **Check for Credibility:** Ensure that the news source you're using is reputable and has a history of accurate reporting. Be cautious of websites or outlets with a known bias.

3. **Analyze the Headlines:** Pay attention to the wording of headlines. Biased headlines often contain emotionally charged or opinionated language. A balanced headline should present the facts without taking sides.
4. **Look for Loaded Language:** Watch for words or phrases that carry a strong emotional bias. Words like "shocking," "disastrous," or "heroic" can indicate bias.
5. **Check for Sources and Citations:** A credible news story should cite multiple sources and provide evidence to support its claims. Be wary of stories that lack verifiable sources or rely on anonymous insiders.
6. **Identify the Use of Expert Opinions:** News articles should present a range of expert opinions or perspectives on a topic. If an article relies heavily on a single expert or viewpoint, it may be biased.
7. **Examine the Tone of the Article:** Analyze the overall tone of the piece. Biased articles may present a one-sided view, dismiss alternative viewpoints, or use sarcasm and mockery.
8. **Check for Omissions:** Bias can also be introduced by omitting relevant information. If important facts are left out, the story might be slanting the narrative.
9. **Fact-Check:** Use fact-checking websites and tools to verify the accuracy of the information presented in the news. Fact-checking can help you separate fact from opinion.
10. **Be Aware of Your Own Biases:** Recognize that everyone has their own biases, and these can influence how news is interpreted. Try to approach news with an open mind and critically evaluate the information.

THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA!

In J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit," what is the name of the dragon who hoards a vast treasure within the Lonely Mountain, sparking the adventure that Bilbo Baggins and a group of dwarves embark on? Guess from several options [HERE!](#)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER!

This series of books that are enjoyed by all ages and are the basis for some of the most popular films of all time have been banned for promoting witchcraft, setting bad examples for youth, and for being "too dark." Although most of the bans have since been overturned, there are still schools and libraries where these books and films are not welcome. HARRY POTTER!