

History Benchmark_Quarter 4

History of Palestine

The British invaded Israel/Palestine three years after the start of World War I and ended 3 years after World War II. The goal however was to bring independence and a new future to Israel Palestine among them, but failed to do so. Instead the british up and left, leaving behind a lasting effect of turmoil. Even till today the conflicts between Palestine and Israel are not resolved.

8 Artifacts:

Artifact #1 - West Bank Barrier

The West Bank Barrier is a huge reinforced concrete wall that divides Palestine from Israel. It stands 6-8 meters in height and measures 760 km in length, and is still under construction since it began in 2002. However it as of May 11th, 2011 a 25-mile section of it was suspended and is unknown of when it will resume. It was built to try and settle both sides and because it protects the civilians of Israel.

Artifact #2- Kibbutz

As the Ottoman empire fell, and British arrived, it benefited the Jewish society very much, as the Ottoman authorities made it very difficult for immigration to take effect. Kibbutz were farms where jewish immigrants banded together and relying on agriculture to make a living between World War I and II.

Artifact #3- Handcuffs

During the British mandate, on October 1937 the British Administration arrested Arab Higher committee members for speaking up against them and shut down the committee overall on the night of a major revolt.

Artifact #4 - Diary

In 1940, Yosef Weitz, the head of JNF (Jewish National Fund) wrote in his diary "Transfer does not server only one aim - to reduce the Arab population- it also serves a second purpose by no means less important, which is to evict land now cultivated by Arabs and to free it for Jewish Settlement". This diary is an example of the hostility posed by both sides. As both try to rid each other out and refusal to share their lands.

Artifact #5- Israeli Lira

Israeli Liras were the currency of Israel shortly after their independence and remained their main currency until 1980. Their first coins were also issued around the same time.

Artifact #6- The Quran

Although Jews disliked Palestinians so much especially after the breakaway in 1948. Some of their laws were traced from the British mandate including sections of the Ottoman rules. And even some of Israel's laws were somehow influenced by the Quran such as Arab Tribal Customary Laws. So even as hostiles as situations got between them and Palestine, even their laws have some Arab and muslim roots within them.

Artifact #7 - Aliyah Bets

The fifth-Aliyah was the major climax in illegal immigration to Palestine during 1939, When World War II sparked and Nazi Germany rose, they fled and arrived in a quarter of a million jews. Eventually this outraged Arabs and came a revolt, however more and more Jews joined the Aliyah bets and poured into Palestine, the percentage of Jews in Palestine escalated to 33%. Yet as World War II went on, the British were trying to restrict jews from further entering Palestine more and more Jews died from the Holocaust. News of that spread so fast, and soon the Jews in Palestine turned against the British Mandate.

Artifact #8- Explosives/Rebellion/Violent Attacks

After the Holocaust, Jews were in extreme outrage by the British government and their promises made. Jews rebelled and then became the breaking point. The King David Hotel in Jerusalem had one of its wing blown up. It was the headquarters of British Authorities in Palestine at the time. There was a warning issued, but they were ignored and it resulted in the death of 91 dead, with 45 injured. There were 15 jews caught in the death toll.

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