

Activities

Activity 2

Introduction to the Issues Dividing Israelis and Palestinians through Film

Preparation:

Estimated time: 1 class period • **Materials:** Internet access or DVD player to show the film “Blood and Tears,” available through libraries, at Amazon (www.amazon.com/Blood-Tears-Isidore-Rosmarin/dp/B000P29GJY) or on YouTube, divided into eight parts at youtube.com/watch?v=m3wAn2zgne4&feature=related.

Background: This documentary film includes interviews with Palestinians and Israelis and gives viewers a vivid sense of the issues and concerns of each side.

Activity:

Show the film to students. Then discuss:

- How informative do you think this film was?
- What were the major issues and views dividing the two sides?
- How did the views and issues presented confirm or differ from what you have been learning in *Israel 101*?

Note to Teachers: You may wish to expand this activity to an extra class to include a discussion of the 2004 Dennis Ross interview about the peace process at the Council on Foreign Relations (available online at www.cfr.org/publication/7355/missing_peace.html), and ask students:

- How much did the interview corroborate with what you saw in the film? How much did it differ?
- What different insights did the Dennis Ross interview give you?
- How much of a possibility for reconciliation and peace did you see in the film? In the interview?