

Activities

Activity 1

Comparing Israel's Wars

Preparation:

Estimated Time: 1-2 class periods • ***Materials:*** Event Report Template (see following page) for students, paper and pencils.

Lesson Plan: This activity can be used as a motivator or as a summary to the unit.

Background: Along with fulfillment of the nearly 2,000-year-old dream to reestablish a modern Jewish state came the tragedy of wars and terrorism that Israel has had to face from before its inception to the present day. The purpose of this activity is to help students compare the different wars to see the similarities and differences between them.

Activity:

Research: Divide the students into research groups. Each group will focus on one or more of the 18 events reviewed on pages 12-13 and will fill out the Event Report Template you can find on the next page.

Making a Timeline: Have each group post its Event Report in chronological order in the form of a timeline that extends from 1910 to 2008.

Discussing the Events: Have each team present its activity. Discuss the similarities and differences between these events. Do the students see any patterns? What questions do they have? How might they find the answers?

Wrap-Up: Since before its inception, Israel has had to confront wars and terrorism on a regular basis. While it has had to pay a high price, Israel continues to seek peace with its Arab neighbors, as later units indicate.

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