**Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

- **Background**
  - Three religions place importance on Jerusalem
  - Jewish people settled in the area 3000 years ago
    - Romans forced Jews to leave in 63 CE
  - Arabs settled and lived there for next 1400 years
  - Zionism: belief that Jews should have their own country
    - Balfour Declaration (1917)
      - Statement by British govt supporting a Jewish state
    - the Holocaust increased Zionism
    - creation of Israel in 1947
  - Six Day War (1967)
    - Egypt blocked Israel's access to the Red Sea
    - Israel attacked
      - in 6 days, Israel took control of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Jerusalem
  - Camp David Accords (1978)
    - First peace treaty between Egypt and Israel
    - led to Palestinian self rule in some places
  - Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)
    - first led by Yasir Arafat
    - believed only Palestinians should have control of the state
  - Oslo Accords (1993, 95)
    - representative of Palestinian people
    - Palestinians have limited autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip
    - did not create Palestinian state
  - Israel and Palestine today have many ongoing issues