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Introduction

This five lesson curriculum explores the history and background of the Arab-Israeli conflict and peace process. Lessons I and II provide the context for understanding Arab-Israeli relations by having students examine the geography of Southwest Asia and North Africa, the origins of Arab nationalism and Zionism, and the broken promises made to Arabs and Jews during World War I. Lessons III and IV provide an overview of Israeli-Arab relations from their roots in the British Mandate through the present. Lesson V examines the challenges and benefits of a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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