**ISREAL AND PALESTINE** - Vocabulary

In 1947, the United Nations proposed a plan to partition (**divide land)** Palestine and create a homeland for Jewish people. More than 50 years later, conflict between Jews and Palestinians is still unresolved and it is often marked by violence. Learn the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the historical claims to the land that both sides have made.

**Islam Definition:** A religion whose followers believe in one God (Allah) and practice the teachings of the Koran, their sacred text. People who follow Islam are called Muslims.

* Context: Islam is the dominant faith in Arab countries.

**Israel Definition:** A Jewish state established in 1948

* Context: Located in southwest Asia on the eastern Mediterranean Sea, Israel is the Jewish homeland.

**Palestine Definition:** A historical region at the center of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

* Context: Palestine is holy to Muslims, Christians, and Jews.

**PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization) Definition**: A group that represents Arab people of Palestine who were displaced by the establishment of Israel.

* Context: Yasser Arafat was the first leader of the PLO.

**Zionism Definition:** A Jewish movement that arose in the late 19th century to reestablish a Jewish homeland.

* Context: Although opposed by most Arabs, Zionism has gained support by other nations.