

1948 - UN partition put into place  
-british mandate has ended

David Ben Gurion - President of Israel  
-palestinians pissed with the creation

Arab World Arms

- 1st Arab-Israeli war
- Israeli armed with western weapons and decimate Arabs
- Gains significant land - Gaza and West Bank left
- Israel occupies Jerusalem

Palestinians want homes back

Terror attacks

Israeli responses usually out of proportion

Israel = very successful, lots of American aid as well

Israeli army is very strong/well trained

1970 - Politics is Disjointed  
-2 state solution?

King Faruk of Egypt was secular  
-US puppet  
-Arabs in Egypt hate Israel and US  
-Faruk become massively unpopular

Faruk ousted in coup

Gamal Nasser takes over

- energy problems - hydropower
- dam on Nile but no money
- major public works project
- goes to US and USSR for money
- country becomes officially muslim
- Aswan Dam
- US cuts off money because of dealings with USSR
- Asks Mao, Nasser considering communism
- Suez Canal for money? owned by British and French corporations

1956 = Suez Crisis

- British and French team built Suez
- made travel far quicker, avoid travelling around horn of Africa
- Nasser nationalized canal to build Aswan

-British, French and Israel want Suez while international community focuses on Hungary

- Israel wants buffer zone
- October 56 - Israel attacks, british and french bomb
- US pissed because of bad PR for democracy - western aggression

Canada rolls up - Pearson

- introduces peacekeepers
- gives canal back

1967 - 6 hour war

- Egypt is still pissed, Israel occupies them, they got attacked and didn't have the Suez
- Rallies arab states: Syria, Jordan
- Intend to attack Israel
- US doesn't need another conflict, already engaged in Vietnam
- US wants to broker peace and USSR agrees
- Israel bombs Egypt first
- Huge air strike on airfields, egyptian Air Force is incredibly strong - **6 hours**
- Israel decimates and occupies Sinai peninsula, west bank, gaza, golan heights

Resulting Massive Refugee Crisis

- Creates PLO: Palestinian Liberation Organization
- millions with nothing to lose...

Terrorism - PLO

- Highjacking
- Munich '72

Nasser Dies 1970, symbol of Arab-Israeli conflict

- Anwar Sadat replaces

1973 - Sadat "Year of decision"

- with Syria attack across Sinai and across golan heights
- on Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur war

- superpowers involved
- Soviets back syria, US backs Israel and sends emergency funds/weapons
- galvanized Arab opinion

OPEC - Oil and Petroleum Exporting Countries est. 1967

- 1973 economic warfare on US
- Oil embargo on US

West increases oil use by 5% every year; paying low oil costs  
-buying crude oil, making plastic, selling back to middle east  
-Shah criticized this, threatens oil access

Opec's embargo on US backfires

USSR and USA are meeting

China and USA meeting

- USSR had oil, americans take theirs
- explore in Gulf of Mexico :)
- Alaska

OPEC = screwed

Iran bares brunt, economic downward spiral 1979

Fundamentalist Islam

Ayatollah Khomeini, Shah ousted - went to US

Saudis = increasing important american allies

Khomeini calls US "great satan"

1980 - 5 year decline of oil begins

US sends billions to Iraq (Sadam Housein) in border wars

Iraq vs. Iran (1980-88)

Sadat = hero in Egypt after war

Americans support

Israel vacates Suez

1977 - Sadat visits Israel suggesting he recognizes Israel's existant

- divides Egyptian opinion
- backed by american promises of \$\$\$

1978 - Sadat meets w/ Israeli president - **Camp David Accord** w/ Jimmy Carter

- PLO and Jerusalem not discussed
- Egyptian control of Sinai peninsula and Gaza strip
- Egypt recognizes Israel officially
- Egypt ostracized in arab world

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