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| **Ottoman Empire**  **Great Britain & France divide up OE after Ottomans lost WWI- Central Powers (same side as Germany & Italy) Europeans blindly partitioned (redrew boundary lines)**  **Created conflict by blending ethnic and religious groups** | | | |
| **Creation of the State of Israel**  **4 Reasons and Definitions-**   1. **Zionism- Jewish homeland** 2. **Religious Connection to the land** 3. **Holocaust- (Hitler) murders 6 million Jews in Europe; WWII** 4. **Anti- Semitism- Prejudice against Jewish people.**   **\*Created in 1948 by the United Nations, land taken from Palestine.**  **Most Middle Eastern Jews live in Israel.** | | **On-going *conflict* between Israel & Palestine**  **Arabs vs. Jews**  **(Palestine) vs. (Israel)**  **Arab countries near Palestine have helped them fight against Israel**  **Palestine does not acknowledge Israel as a real country**  **Gaza Strip & West Bank still have lots of conflict to this day** | |
| **Persian Gulf War**  **Early 1990’s**  **Iraq invades Kuwait for oil and water (access to the Persian Gulf)**  **United Nations tries to protect Kuwait’s oil**  **(Oil is U.S. main economic interest in the Middle East)**  **Saddam Hussein is left in power after the war has ended**  **The U.N. placed a trade embargo on Iraq, to get rid of WMD’s** | **Afghanistan War**  **After September 11, 2001 (9/11) terrorist attacks on NYC World Trade Center (Twin Towers), the U.S. went looking for Osama bin Laden**  **Osama bin Laden was a leader of al-Qaeda, a terrorist group**  **The Afghanistan government, led by the Taliban, was protecting members of al-Qaeda and bin Laden** | | **Operation Iraqi Freedom**  **U.S. thinks Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is a threat to the Middle East & world peace**  **U.S. thought that Saddam was helping terrorist (especially al- Qaeda), so we hunted down Saddam Hussein**  **Believed to still have Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD’s)** |

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