Background Essay Questions

1. Define these terms:
   1. Promised Land
   2. diaspora
   3. anti-Semitism
   4. Zionism
   5. refugee
   6. San-Remo Agreement
   7. Holocaust
2. Why is the land of Israel important to the religion of Judaism?
3. What does it mean to be a minority? How are minorities usually treated by the majority?
4. What happened to the Arab Palestinians when Zionists immigrated to Palestine in the 1900’s?
5. What role did the United Nations (U.N.) play in Palestine’s history?
6. How did Zionists react to the U.N partition plan? Why? How did Palestinians react? Why?
7. What is the current relationship between Israelis and Palestinians like today?

**Timeline:** Use the background essay to complete the timeline below.

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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Judaism begins; Abraham moves to the Promised Land |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Roman Conquest of Israel /Jewish Diaspora |
| **1914** | WWI begins |
| **1918** | WWI ends |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | San Remo Agreement: Britain & France partition Southwest Asia |
| **1939** | WWII & Holocaust begin |
| **1945** | WWII ends |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | United Nations Partition Plan |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | state of Israel created as a Jewish nation |