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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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