

UNIT 10: CONTEMPORARY CONFLICTS
Reading Guide 64: Contemporary Conflicts in the Middle East

Directions: Complete each question after reading.

34.4: Conflicts in the Middle East

• **Objective A: Describe the formation of Israel.**

1. Explain the various claims to land in Palestine by Jews, Palestinians, and Arabs.

2. What was the Diaspora?

3. What was the Balfour Declaration?

4. How did the events of World War II and the Holocaust contribute to the creation of Israel?

• **Objective B: Trace the conflicts between Israel and Arab states.**

5. Explain the results of the 1948 Israeli War of Independence. How did fighting prevent the establishment of the Palestinian state?

6. How did Israel triumph so quickly in the Six Day War?

• **Objective C: Describe the Palestinian struggle for independence.**

7. What was the PLO, who was its leader, and what was its goal?

8. Explain the significance of the 1979 Camp David Accords.

9. What was the intifada?

10. How are Yitzhak Rabin and Anwar Sadat similar?

- **Objective D: Explain Arab-Israeli peace efforts.**

11. Why do you think Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount so angered Palestinians?
12. What do you think are the main obstacles to peace between Israel and the Arab states?

34.5: Central Asia Struggles

- **Objective A: Identify challenges facing the nations of the former Soviet Union.**

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14. What resources are the nations of this region turning towards in order to build economic prosperity?
15. Why was there little ethnic or religious strife in Central Asia during Soviet rule?

- **Objective B: Describe Afghanistan's struggle for independence and possible role in global terrorism.**

16. Why might access to the Indian Ocean be important to Russia?
17. Define *mujahideen* and their relation to the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.
18. Explain the rise and rule of the Taliban.
19. Explain the factors which led to the October 2001 United States invasion of Afghanistan.
20. Who is Hamid Harzai?