

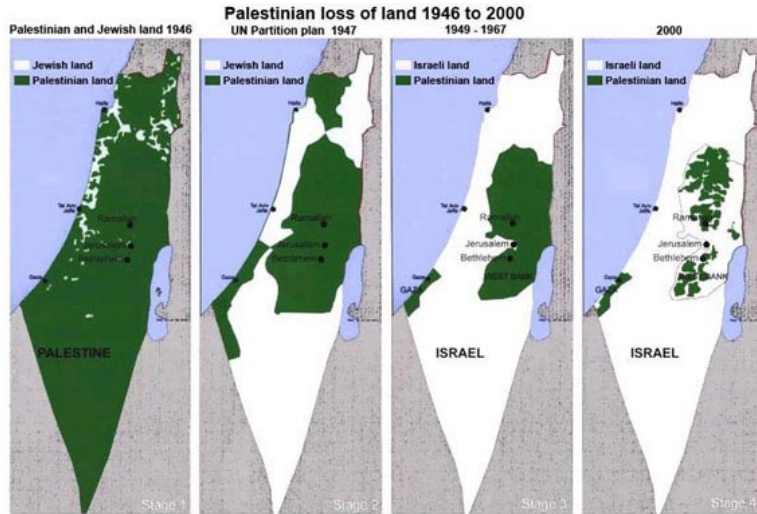
10.9.6 Understand how the forces of nationalism developed in the Middle East, how the Holocaust affected world opinion regarding the need for a Jewish state, and the significance and effects of the location and establishment of Israel on world affairs.

## Document Based Assessment

### The Palestinian Question

In 1947, the United Nations drew a plan dividing Palestine into a Jewish sector and a Palestinian Arab sector. The next year, Israel was established as an independent nation covering much Palestine. In 1967, Israel seized the rest of Palestine, now known as the occupied territories. Israeli control of all Palestine left Arab Palestinian homeland has divided Israelis and Palestinians, although hopes of peace persist.

#### Document A



#### Document B

“As I have said, we came to Palestine to do away with the helplessness of the Jewish people through our own endeavors. Therefore, you will realize what it meant for us to watch from here millions of Jews being slaughtered during these years of war... We Jews only want that which is given naturally to all peoples of the world to be masters of our own fate... We are certain that given an opportunity of bringing in large masses of Jews into this country, of opening the doors of Palestine to all Jews who wish to come here, we can... create a free Jewish society built on the basis of cooperation, equality, and mutual aid.

-From **“The Zionist Case”** by Golda Meir (speech given March 25, 1946)

#### Document C

“Late at night when everything is quiet I think about how I will ever forgive the Israelis for what they did to me. I don't mean stealing my homeland, killing my people, turning me into a refugee, or depriving me from having a Palestinian state. I'm talking about myself-what they did to my personality.

I wish I had a normal life; no tension, no rage, no hatred, no hard feelings toward anybody. Even if they leave my country and give me back my rights, how will I overcome these feelings inside me?”

-From **“Children of a Tenth-Class God?”** by Nihaya Qawasmi (1998)

### Analyzing Documents

Use your knowledge of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in Documents A, B, and C to answer questions 1-4.

1. According to document A, what is the present status of the area that was known as Palestine before 1948?
  - a. It is divided between Israel and neighboring countries.
  - b. Palestine is now an independent nation.
  - c. Part of it is the State of Israel, and the rest is territory occupied by Israel.
  - d. It is divided among three independent nations.
2. In Document B, “helplessness” refers to
  - a. Israel's inability to help the Palestinians.
  - b. The inability of Jews in Palestine to help Jews in Nazi territory.
  - c. The inability of Palestinians to change their attitude toward Israel.
  - d. The inability of the Allies to do anything about Nazi atrocities.
3. Which words best describe the feelings of the author of Document C towards Israel?
  - a. Acceptance and understanding
  - b. Discouragement and fear
  - c. Anger and resentment
  - d. Trust and hope
4. What are the prospects for a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian question? Use the documents on this page along with information from the chapter to write a short essay on this topic.