Paths and Turning Points

Sort events in the history of Israel and its neighbors.

MWH.C.7.2 "Evaluate ongoing regional disputes of the Middle East. Describe the creation of the modern State of Israel, including the rationale for its establishment, the Zionist movement..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PATH TO STATEHOOD

These are ideas and actions that helped lead to Israel's establishment. They took place before Israel declared independence in 1948.

Britain's 1917 Balfour Declaration supported a national home for Jewish people in Palestine.

CONFLICT AND PEACE

These are wars, displacement, and peace efforts tied to Israel after it declared independence. They took place in 1948 or later.

The 1993 Oslo Accords opened negotiations between Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle BEFORE or AFTER for each item; for Part 2, choose two items from different categories and explain the clue that helped you sort each one.

1.	In the late 1800s, the Zionist movement seeks a Jewish homeland in Palestine.	BEFORE	AFTER
2.	After Israel declares independence, armies from five Arab states enter the war in 1948.	BEFORE	AFTER
3.	Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians flee or are expelled during the 1948 war.	BEFORE	AFTER
4.	Jewish migration to British-ruled Palestine rises during the 1930s.	BEFORE	AFTER
5.	Israel takes control of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day War.	BEFORE	AFTER
6.	The 1978 Camp David Accords set a path toward peace between Egypt and Israel.	BEFORE	AFTER
7.	In 1947, the United Nations proposes dividing British-ruled Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.	BEFORE	AFTER
8.	Egypt and Syria attack Israeli positions in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.	BEFORE	AFTER

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new historical example for BEFORE and one for AFTER. Do not repeat an example from this page.

BEFORE _____

AFTER _____

CHALLENGE

Choose item 7 and one AFTER item. In two sentences, explain how the events are connected.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	In the late 1800s, the Zionist movement seeks a Jewish homeland in Palestine.	**BEFORE**	The movement began before Israel's 1948 declaration of independence.
2	After Israel declares independence, armies from five Arab states enter the war in 1948.	**AFTER**	The armies entered the war after Israel declared independence.
3	Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians flee or are expelled during the 1948 war.	**AFTER**	This refugee crisis occurred during the war that followed Israel's declaration of independence.
4	Jewish migration to British-ruled Palestine rises during the 1930s.	**BEFORE**	This increase in migration preceded Israel's establishment.
5	Israel takes control of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day War.	**AFTER**	The Six-Day War took place in 1967.
6	The 1978 Camp David Accords set a path toward peace between Egypt and Israel.	**AFTER**	This peace initiative took place in 1978.
7	In 1947, the United Nations proposes dividing British-ruled Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.	**BEFORE**	The partition proposal came before Israel's 1948 declaration of independence.
8	Egypt and Syria attack Israeli positions in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.	**AFTER**	The Yom Kippur War took place in 1973.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **BEFORE**: In 1922, the League of Nations approved Britain's mandate to govern Palestine.
- **AFTER**: In 1994, Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty.

Challenge: Jewish leaders accepted the 1947 UN partition plan, while Arab leaders rejected it, and fighting broke out. After Israel declared independence in 1948, five Arab states sent armies into the war.

For Part 2, a student might use the 1930s date to place item 4 in BEFORE and the 1967 date to place item 5 in AFTER. Accept other accurate clues that explain both choices.