

DIRECTIONS: Using the information provided below, simulate a conversation that could be held around the table after dinner, in each family setting trying to come up with a solution to the conflict in Israel/Palestine.

****Use the vocabulary words on page 3 during your conversation!****

Family One: A Palestinian home

Ahmed: A young Palestinian boy about 12 or 13. Deeply religious, he believes that if he is martyred, he will go directly to heaven. Since he was a baby, he has been told that the Israelis are evil. He has seen the rioting and would like to join in.

Miriam: The older sister of Ahmed. She was to be married, but her fiancée was killed in a riot by Israeli soldiers. She considers herself to be a widow. She is very angry and bitter towards the Israelis.

Abdullah: The oldest son of Muhammed. He is a member of the Al Fatah. He is deeply religious, and has committed terrorist acts towards Israelis. He is wanted by the Israeli police.

Muhammed: The father of Abdullah, Miriam, Mustafa and Ahmed. He was born and grew up in the refugee camp. His father was killed in the 1949 war with Israel and his family home burnt down. He does not want his children involved with the demonstrations. He too is very religious.

Serapin: Mother of Ahmed. She is troubled by the violence and does not want any of her children hurt. She wants to move to America where her brother lives and is prospering.

Family Two: An Israeli home

David Rothberg: An 18 year old Israeli citizen. Currently serving in the Israeli army, he believes all Arabs want to destroy Israel. He is not very religious, but he is very proud to be an Israeli soldier. He has never been in any of the rioting. He has just been assigned to riot duty in the Gaza strip.

Ben Rothberg: David's father. Born in Israel, his parents were both survivors of the Holocaust. He is a true believer in the country of Israel as a Jewish state. Deeply religious, he has been trained as a Rabbi. He runs a small grocery store and his employees are all Arabs. He always complains about how lazy they are, yet he pays only the minimum allowed by law.

Sarah: Mother of David. Immigrated from the United States. She hates the violence. She is afraid for her son and wishes he had a safe job. Not very religious, she mostly goes along with whatever Ben says. Her American upbringing and ideas conflict with those of Ben and her neighbors.

Judith: Younger sister of David. She worships him but doesn't want him to know. She is planning on following him into the army when she is old enough. She is extremely bright and could go to the University if she wants to.

Aliza: David's girlfriend. She was raised on a kibbutz and her parents were killed in a terrorist attack. She professes to hate all Arabs. She says she is glad David has a chance to kill Arabs. She wants all Arabs out and only Jews living in Israel.

KEY WORDS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR CONVERSATION:

- Israeli/Israel
- Palestinian
- Gaza Strip and West Bank
- Golan Heights
- Jerusalem
- fighting/conflict
- religion
- PLO – Palestinian Liberation Organization/Al Fatah/Hamas
- food
- Jews/Jew/Jewish/Judaism
- Muslim/Muslims/Islamic/Islam
- Arab/Arabic
- Middle East