**Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

**Use the PBS and other websites to answer the questions below.**

1. When did the Israeli-Palestinian crisis begin?
2. What is at the core of the ongoing conflict between the Palestinian and Israelis?
3. Which areas of land are in dispute?
4. Based on your research, whom do you view as the rightful owners of the land in question? Explain.
5. What are the basic arguments each group has regarding resolving the conflict?
6. What concessions does each side expect of the other?
7. Why have efforts to resolve the conflict and establish peace failed?

**For the next set of questions, go to the website below and read the article. Use the article to answer the questions.**

[**http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/july-dec08/israel\_12-30.html**](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/july-dec08/israel_12-30.html)

1. What is happening in Israel and Gaza?
2. How many Palestinians have died and how many Israelis?
3. What is Hamas?
4. What was the U.S. response to the attacks?
5. What happened when Israel was declared a state in 1948?
6. What did Israel agree to in the Oslo accords?
7. How did Hamas come to power in Gaza?

**When you have finished, answer the question below on the back of this sheet. This question is mostly your opinion, but be sure to use the facts you have researched to support your answer.** Looking at the history of Israel and the disputes over land there, what do you think should happen to increase chances for peace in the region? Based on recent acts of violence in the Middle East, do you feel the conflict can be resolved?