

## **PLS recommended viewing/reading list - Fall Semester 2021**

To give you a broader and deeper understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, you will get a list of websites, films and books (PLS Resources List) when you arrive. These are OPTIONAL, but the more you know about how Arabs, Israelis and the international community understand this conflict, the more it will enrich your dialogue experience. **Meanwhile BEFORE the semester begins, please view at least two of the items below:**

Vox summary of the conflict (10 mins.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRYZjOuUnIU>  
**OR:** Crash course (12 mins.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wo2TLIMhiw>

### **AND:**

Wikipedia summary of the conflict. Good summary with links to other wikipedia terms (e.g. Oslo Accords). [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian\\_conflict](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict)  
Arabic/Hebrew speakers -- you can also compare the differences between the English Wikipedia and the Arabic/Hebrew Wikipedias – each one has different versions.

BBC Maps. Eight maps tracing the history of the conflict.  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/middle\\_east/03/v3\\_israel\\_palestinians/maps/html/](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/middle_east/03/v3_israel_palestinians/maps/html/)

### ***If you have more time, I highly recommend watching at least one of these:***

Fifty Years War. PBS (American) documentary, covers the main events from 1948 to 1998.  
1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSAD9pS8NIw> /2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtLorIXCc24>

The Nakba. Al Jazeera series (4 episodes) gives the Arab perspective on Zionism, Palestinian and Arab resistance and events leading to the 1948 Nakba ("catastrophe").  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7FML0wzJ6A>

The Pillar of Fire. Israeli TV series (1981), presents a mainstream Zionist perspective on Zionism, Arab resistance to it and events leading to the 1948 War of Independence. The English version has 7 episodes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjBSmgkxbxE>  
To choose which episodes to watch: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pillar\\_of\\_Fire\\_\(documentary\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pillar_of_Fire_(documentary))

Zochrot Nakba Map. Shows the towns and villages destroyed in the conflict from 1948-1967.  
<http://www.zochrot.org/en/site/nakbaMap> Website also has Hebrew and Arabic versions.

*I'll be happy to hear your feedback about these when you arrive!*  
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