Israel’s Story in Maps Questions

Slide 1

1. What countries bordered Israel before June 4, 1967?

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2. With which of those countries did Israel have a peace treaty or diplomatic relations?

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3. Where is “Palestine” on this map?

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4. Where are the Gaza Strip and the West Bank on this map?

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5. According to this map, who do you think controlled Judea and Samaria (the West Bank)? Who do you think controlled the Gaza Strip?

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6. Find Samaria on the map. How wide (in miles) do you think Israel was at that point?

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7. Where is the Sinai Peninsula on this map?

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8. Why do you think U.N. forces were in the Sinai Peninsula?

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Slide 2

1. Notice that most of the Egyptian forces moved directly to the border with Israel. One contingent did not. Where did it go?

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2. Why do you think the Egyptians sent forces in that direction?

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3. What is the southern-most city in Israel according to this map?

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4. What do you think the response of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) should have been to the Egyptian demand that it withdraw?

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Slide 3
1. What country broadcast Radio Cairo?
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2. What did Radio Cairo mean by “a mortal blow”?
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3. What did Radio Cairo mean by “our holy land”? Why do you think it used that phrase?
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Slide 4
1. Find the Straits of Tiran
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2. What is a “casus belli”?
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3. Why would Egypt close the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping?
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4. If you were an Israeli hearing Radio Cairo at this time, would you think the announcer was serious or speaking only for dramatic effect?
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Slide 5

1. What are reserve forces and why would Israel mobilize them?

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2. What is a “diplomatic campaign” and why would Israel launch one?

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3. Why would the Arab countries mentioned here move their forces to Israel’s borders?

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4. What role did Palestinian Arabs play in this run-up to war?

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Slide 6

1. According to the text here, which country fired the “first shot” on June 5?

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2. Did Israel act preemptively against Egypt? Did Israel act aggressively? Do you think Israel should have waited for Egypt or another Arab country to fire the “first shot”?

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3. Did Israel act preemptively against Jordan or Syria?
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4. What areas came under Israeli control after the Six-Day War?
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5. Why would Israel want to hold on to the Sinai?
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6. Why would Israel want to hold on to Judea and Samaria (the West Bank)?
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7. Why would Israel want to hold on to the Golan Heights?
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