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Struggle for peace in the Middle East since 1948

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State Library's One Search catalogue is the gateway to an extensive suite of national and international journals, databases, eBooks, encyclopedias, newspaper archives, and collections of thousands of historical images, letters, artworks, diaries, and artefacts to interrogate as sources.

This guide is designed to help you discover items on the **struggle for peace in the Middle East since 1948** that you can access on site, from your school or home.

Before you get started

[Become a member](#) of State Library of Queensland (it's free!).

Once you have joined State Library, [log in](#) to your account in One Search so you can use the links in this research guide to access the featured collection items.

You can search our catalogue for [all items on Israel and Palestine](#) or begin exploring by clicking on some of the featured items contained in this research guide.

Featured eBooks.

State Library provides access to a large collection of [eBooks on Israel and Palestine](#).



Featured Databases

For easy reference

[Oxford Reference](#) spans 25 different subject areas, bringing together 2 million digitised entries across Oxford University Press's dictionaries, companions, and encyclopedias.



The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website interface. At the top, the 'Oxford Reference' logo is on the left, and a search bar is on the right. Below the logo, there are navigation tabs for 'Subject' and 'Reference Type'. On the right side of the header, there are links for 'My Content (1)' and 'My Searches (0)'. A sidebar on the left shows the user is signed in as 'State Library of Queensland' and offers an option to 'Sign in to an additional subscriber account'. Below this is a search bar for 'Search all timelines' and a 'Browse Other Timelines' dropdown. The main content area features a 'Timeline: Palestine and Israel' with a wood-grain background image. The timeline details include: 'Years: c. 90,000 years ago - 2009', 'Subject: Encyclopedias, Geographical reference', 'Publisher: HistoryWorld', 'Online Publication Date: 2012', and 'Current online version: 2012'. The eISBN is 9780191736070. At the bottom of the timeline section, there is a 'Jump to a year:' field with radio buttons for 'BCE' and 'CE', and a 'Go' button.

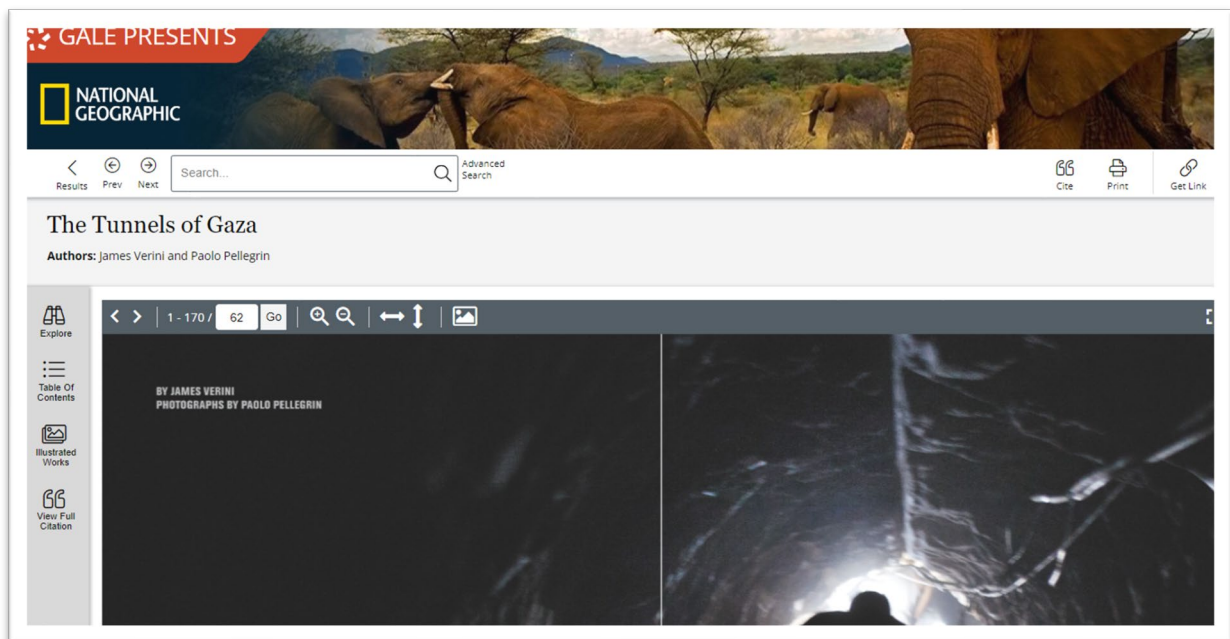
The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images and more, with a selection of resources especially for teenagers.



The screenshot shows the Britannica Library website interface for the 'Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)' article. The top left features the 'Britannica Library' logo and a 'Teens' badge. On the top right, there are search and menu icons. Below the logo, there is a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' link. The main title of the article is 'Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)'. Below the title, there is a navigation bar with icons for back, forward, home, search, and volume control. The article content begins with an 'Introduction' section. A photograph shows three men shaking hands, with the caption 'William J. Clinton Presidential Library/NARA'. The text explains that when the State of Israel was established in 1948, nearby Arab states immediately waged war against the new country, leading to a severe refugee problem among the Palestinians—the Arabs who had been living in and near the territories that were taken over by Israel. Many of these millions of people were displaced to several Arab states in the Middle East, while others were forced into refugee camps in Israel. Various Palestinian resistance movements formed in

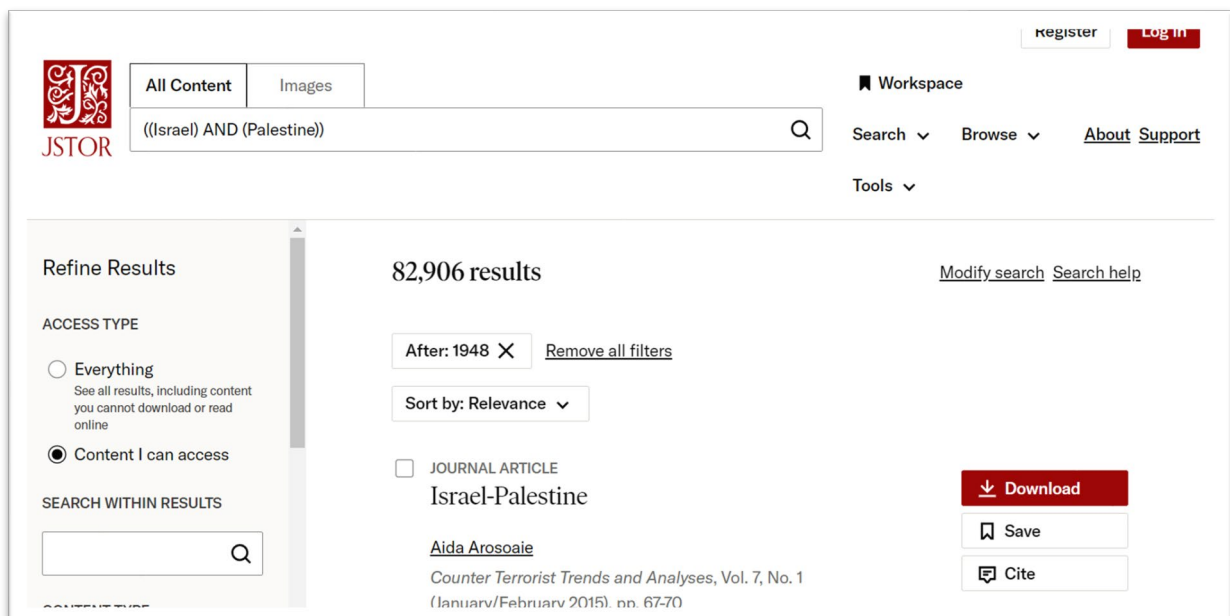
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For academic and scholarly information

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[ProQuest Central](#) brings together 47 databases across 175 subject areas, providing easy intuitive access to an incredibly broad and comprehensive range of content.

ProQuest Central search results for "Israel AND Palestine". The page shows 682,396 results. The search bar contains "Israel AND Palestine". On the left, there are filters for "Sorted by" (Relevance) and "Limit to" (Full text checked, Peer reviewed unchecked). The main results area shows a newspaper article titled "Candlelight vigil in Unionville marks loss, suffering in Israel and Palestine: The Giving Tree Unionville is hosting a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the los ... Markham Economist & Sun; Markham, Ont.. 11 Nov 2023." with options for "Details" and "Full text". On the right, there is a section for "Books that match your search" with a book cover for "Chapter 6: Wars Between Non-Weste ...".

[JTA Jewish News Archive](#) is a comprehensive database of over 250,000 articles of stories and issues affecting Jews around the globe from 1917 to today.

Header of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) website. The navigation bar includes links for DONATE, US, ISRAEL, GLOBAL, NEW YORK, CULTURE, IDEAS, BONDS OF LIFE, and MORE. There is a SUBSCRIBE button and a search icon. The main heading reads "JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY" with "EST 1917" below it. Below the heading, there is an "ADVERTISEMENT" section with the headline "Israel aid debate reveals differences among Jewish groups over immigration". To the right, there is a "CULTURE" section with the headline "'I want to get married before a rocket lands on my head': War has" and a small image.

Newspapers

[NewsBank](#) provides a comprehensive collection of reliable news sources featuring over 8,000 titles from 200 countries covering a combination of global, regional, and local news.

Header of the NewsBank website. The navigation bar includes "Access Global NewsBank | All Databases", "NewsBank Inc.", "A-Z Source List", "Session Folder", and "Share Feedback". The main heading reads "NewsBank provides a comprehensive collection of reliable news sources covering a wide array of topics and issues." Below the heading, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter any keyword, such as a name, event or topic" and a "Search" button.

[PressReader](#) provides Colour, full-page issues of popular magazines and newspapers from around the world, featuring over 2,000 titles from 70 countries in 37 languages.

The screenshot shows the PressReader website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'CATALOG', 'FOR YOU', and 'MORE' dropdown menus, the PressReader logo, 'Gift Cards', a search icon, and 'Sign in' and 'Sign up' buttons. Below the navigation bar, the 'Featured' section displays a row of six magazine covers: The Guardian, VOGUE, goodfood, The Monthly, The Saturday Paper, and The Economist. Below this, the 'Publications' section has filters for 'All countries' and 'All languages'. The 'Newspapers' section shows a row of seven newspaper front pages: The Guardian, The Washington Post, EL PAIS, THE GLOBE AND MAIL, LARAZON, Daily Mail, and STAR. Each section includes a 'See All >' link.

The [SMH archives](#) contains 820,000 pages in almost 13,000 issues of The Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun-Herald, spanning 1955 to 1995.

The screenshot shows the SMH Archives website interface. At the top, the title 'The Sydney Morning Herald' is displayed in a large, stylized font. To the right of the title are navigation links: 'My Account', 'Search', 'Browse', 'Viewer', 'My Collection', and 'Log Out'. Below the title, there is a 'Day of week:' dropdown menu set to 'All'. A horizontal timeline navigation bar shows years from 1955 to 1966, with 1955 selected. Below the timeline, three newspaper front pages are displayed for January 1955: Saturday, 01 January 1955 (The Sydney Morning Herald), Sunday, 02 January 1955 (The Sun-Herald), and Monday, 03 January 1955 (The Sydney Morning Herald). The Sun-Herald page features a large headline: 'ENGLAND HAS WHIP HAND IN THIRD TEST Australia's Struggle'.

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[Israel-Arab War, 1967](#)

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