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PeaceMaker Game – Can You Bring Peace to the Middle East?

(www.peacemakergame.com)

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Platforms: Windows, MAC OS X

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Genre: Government simulation, turn-based strategy

PEACEMAKER™
A Video Game to Promote Peace



About:

PeaceMaker challenges you to succeed as a leader where others have failed. Experience the joy of bringing peace to the Middle East or the agony of plunging the region into disaster. PeaceMaker will test your skills, assumptions, and prior knowledge. Play it and you will never read the news the same way again (taken from PeaceMaker website).

Timeline:

1920-1948 – The British rule Palestine based on a mandate from the United Nations. Arabs and Jews in Palestine are in constant conflict. Each side wants its own state.

1948 – Israel declares independence and the first Arab-Israeli war ensues. Israel successfully defends its state; hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs flee or are forced to leave their homes.

1950s – The 1950's witness many border clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants. In 1964 Egypt establishes the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) based in Cairo.

1967 – The Six-Day War. Israel conquers East Jerusalem and the West Bank from Jordan, Gaza from Egypt, and the Golan Heights from Syria. As a result, all the Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem fall under Israeli military rule.

1968 – Palestinian militants meet in Beirut and reorganize the PLO under the chairmanship of Yasir Arafat.

1968-1980 – The PLO attacks Israeli and Jewish targets in Israel and Europe. Israel responds by hunting down PLO leaders. Jewish settlements emerge in the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinians protest appropriation of their land.

1982 – Israel invades Lebanon to evict the PLO from its headquarters in Beirut and Lebanese camps. The PLO leadership moves to Tunisia.

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1987 – Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza revolt against Israeli rule in the first Intifada. Hamas emerges as an alternative Palestinian resistance group to the PLO's Fatah.

1993 – After secret negotiations, Israel and the PLO recognize each other and pledge to work for peace through the Oslo Accords. The Palestinian Authority under Arafat is created to govern Palestinian territory being evacuated by Israel.

1994 – Arafat and the PLO leadership move from Tunisia to Gaza. Israel withdraws from populated Palestinian centers in Gaza and the West Bank.

1990s – Negotiations continue, but both Israel and the Palestinians fail to meet many of their Oslo obligations.

2000 – Palestinians launch a Second Intifada. Contact and cooperation between the Palestinian Authority and Israel breaks down. Israel retakes much of the West Bank and Gaza.

2005 – With the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian Authority in tatters, Israel unilaterally withdraws from Gaza. Chaos ensues.

2006 – Hamas wins the Palestinian elections. Tensions grows between the Hamas government and the Fatah president and his supporters. Gaza is on the verge of civil war. At the same time, clashes continue between Palestinian militants and Israel.

2008 - Operation "Hot Winter" was launched in response to rockets fired from the Gaza Strip into Israel. The operation resulted in 112 Palestinians and three Israelis being killed.

2009 - Operation "Cast Lead", launched near the end of the previous year by Israel, continued until January. Casualties of the Gaza War are disputed. According to Hamas, they included as many as 1,417 Palestinians including as many as 926 civilians. According to the IDF, 1,166 Palestinians were killed, and 295 were non-combatants.

2010 - U.S. launches direct negotiations between Israel and The Palestinian Authority in Washington D.C.

2012 – Israel strikes 1500 sites in Gaza, including rocket launchpads, weapon depots, government facilities and apartment blocks. Gaza officials said 133 Palestinians had been killed in the conflict of whom 79 were militants, 53 civilians and 1 was a policeman and estimated that 840 Palestinians were wounded. Hamas fired over 1,456 rockets at southern Israel, killing 6, including a pregnant woman, and injuring hundreds.

2014 – Decades of hostility, hatred, warfare, and destruction. Can you be a PeaceMaker?

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Game Instructions:

1. PeaceMaker is a free downloadable game and you should have access to it on your computers/laptops (download available at www.peacemakergame.com).
2. You are not required to register or create an account, and you can easily save your progress on the computer.
3. Click on the game to begin to play.
4. You will have the option of playing the role of either the Israeli Prime Minister or the Palestinian President; the choice is yours.
5. The next part will ask you to select between three difficulty settings (Calm, Tense, and Violent).
6. However, above the difficulty settings, is an option to run through the tutorial. It is **HIGHLY** recommended you go through the tutorial before you dive into the game (it won't take longer than 10 minutes).
7. You are now ready to begin playing! Enjoy 😊

Analysis Questions:

1. What did you find were your three biggest challenges in trying to accomplish peace between Israel and Palestine?

2. What approach did you take towards achieving peace? Was it successful? Why or why not?

3. Was there a particular method/approach that you found worked better than others? Why or why not?

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4. Were you able to achieve peace? If so, what did you have to do to succeed?

5. If you didn't complete the game, how close did you get? Do you think another approach would have worked better?

6. What three new interesting things did you learn about the conflict between Israel and Palestine?

7. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being terrible and 10 being amazing), how would you rate this game? Did you find it engaging and educational? Please explain your rating.

TOTAL SCORE:

National Approval	World Approval