



### Just War Theory

Created by Thomas Aquinas a 13<sup>th</sup> Century Christian philosopher. It has been developed to include a set of conditions that people must follow during the war.

- Have a just cause
- Declared by a proper authority
- Promote good and avoid evil
- War must be a last resort
- Good must outweigh evil

### Key Terms

**Conflict**  
Arguments and fighting - a lack of harmony.

**Pacifism**  
The belief that war and violence can never be justified.

**Ahimsa**  
The Hindu teaching of non-violence

**Non-violent protest**  
Peaceful actions to show opposition to an issue

**Conscientious objector**  
Someone who refuses to fight in war because of their beliefs

**Absolutist**  
Someone who will not take part in a war or support the war effort

**Alternativist**  
Someone who will not fight in a war but will support in non-combat roles

**Relative pacifist**  
Someone who believes that in certain circumstances war or violence is acceptable

**Ethical**  
Something that is acceptable or right. Morally good

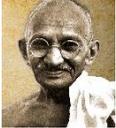
**Peace**  
The absence of conflict

**Just War**  
A war fought for right or noble reasons. A war fought in a way that minimises harm

**Forgiveness**  
Choosing to accept the wrongs done to you and moving on.

**Reconciliation**  
Forgiving and restoring relationship - moving together again in harmony.

### Mahatma Gandhi



Gandhi was born in India in 1869 and he was a Hindu. Gandhi became a leading figure in the campaign for Indian independence in opposition to the British Empire.

Gandhi was a passionate believer in ahimsa and understood that using violence would lead the British to responding with more violence. He said 'an eye for an eye would make the whole world blind.'

Gandhi and his followers engaged in non-violent resistance including; refusing to follow British laws and protesting. Even when he was threatened, attacked or imprisoned, Gandhi and his followers refused to fight back.

### Harb al-Maqadis - Holy war

- 1) The war is declared by a religious leader.
- 2) The war is supported by the ummah (Muslim community).
- 3) The war is defensive of the faith and not aggressive.
- 4) The war stops when the enemy wants peace.
- 5) The purpose is not to gain land or power.
- 6) The purpose is to not force conversion to Islam.
- 7) Peaceful ways of solving the problem have been tried first.
- 8) Innocent women and children are not exposed to physical harm.
- 9) Trees, crops and animals have been protected.
- 10) There are no avoidable civilian casualties.
- 11) Religious building from any faith are not destroyed

### Martin Luther King Jr.

MLK was born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1929. MLK studied Christianity. MLK encouraged people to protest, boycott and join sit-ins over the unequal treatment of black people in the USA. At one protest march MLK famously spoke his 'I have a dream...' speech. The pacifist actions of MLK and his supporters led to the creation of the Civil Rights Act in 1964.



## Gaza



Gaza is located on a tiny strip of land on the coast of the Mediterranean/Red Sea and borders Egypt and Israel. It is governed by a group called Hamas - previously recognised as a terrorist group.

Israeli government has previously launched attacks - eg: Operation Cast Lead. 1,300 Gazans were killed.

Tens of thousands of families are homeless due to bombardments.

Massive unemployment as many factories and business attacked.

**The Issues**

Huge issue with orphans and child psychological trauma

Trade blockade means food is very expensive (=food poverty)..

Any people have become radicalised and turned to extremist groups.

Government - Hamas - rule with an "iron fist". Many are scared of them.

## Israel



Israel, also known as the State of Israel, is a country in the Middle East bordering on the Mediterranean Sea and the northern shore of the Red Sea. It borders with Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and Gaza. Israel identifies as a Jewish Nation.

Israel has become the focus of terrorist attacks - mostly suicide bombings. Islamic Jihad and Hamas have accepted responsibility for most attacks.

Many young Israelis have responded to the conflict by opting out of politics and religion.

**The Issues**

Some religious zealots refuse to accept the law of the land.

Over 800 people have been killed by suicide bombings and 1,000 injured.

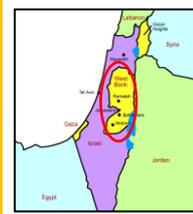
Massive issue with prejudice against Arabs in Israel.

In Jerusalem there are no individuals who have been unaffected by suicide attacks.

171 attacks since 1989.

## The West Bank

The West Bank borders on Israel, Jordan and Syria. People who live here identify as Palestinian. The government is in conflict with Israel for continuing to build settlements within their borders, as well as building the security wall into West Bank territory.



There are 140 settlements or Gated Communities in the West Bank, housing 600,000 Jews.

The West Bank wall has been built into Palestinian territory - cutting communities in half.

Israel has military bases in the West Bank.

**The Issues**

The wall is 440 miles long and 8 metres high and leaves Palestinians feeling like prisoners in their own country.

Protestors against Israeli occupation are often arrested and placed in prisons in Israel.

## Key Terms

**Demography**  
The statistical study of human populations (births, deaths, employment, ect)

**Israel**  
A country in the Middle East bordering Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, Gaza and Syria.

**Palestine**  
Today it is the territories of the West Bank and Gaza. Previously known as the Holy Land it is sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims

**Jerusalem**  
A Holy City for Jews, Christians and Muslims in Israel/Palestine.

**Zionism**  
The nationalistic /political ideology for the creation and now the support of a Jewish state in the Land of Israel.

**Balfour Declaration**  
A British statement from 1917 proposing the creation of a national Jewish homeland

**Hamas**  
The group governing Gaza considered terrorists by some including the UK government

**Nabka**  
Meaning catastrophe, referring to the 700,000 Palestinians who lost their homes in 1948