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CIVICS LEARNING PROJECT

THE LAWS OF WAR (ISRAEL & PALESTINE)

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

1. **Geneva Convention** (n.) - A set of international humanitarian laws consisting of four treaties and three additional protocols that establish international legal standards for humanitarian treatment in war.
2. **International Criminal Court** (n.) - A permanent international court established to investigate, prosecute and try individuals accused of committing the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole: the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.
3. **International Humanitarian Law** (n.) - A set of laws that regulate the conduct of war (jus in bello).
4. **Occupied Territory** (n.) - A territory is considered “occupied” when it is actually placed under the authority of the hostile army.
5. **War Crimes** (n.) - An action carried out during the conduct of a war that violates accepted international rules of war.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- How does international human rights law apply to armed conflicts?
- What are the Geneva Conventions and their additional protocols?
- How have the Geneva Conventions been expanded upon and in what ways may they need to be updated?
- What are the challenges and considerations of charging a person, organization, or nation with war crimes?
- What role, if any, does the International Criminal Court play in ensuring war crimes do not happen?
- In your opinion, should the carve out for collateral civilian casualties be made in international laws governing war? Explain.
- In your opinion, what, if any, role should the United Nations play in trying to end pre-existing armed conflicts? Explain.