

*I think this is our country and it's also theirs.*—Yarko (Israeli)

*I don't like talking to Jews. I know them. They're mean.*

*And deceitful.*—Mahmoud (Palestinian)

*The life we live doesn't allow us to accomplish our dreams.*—Faraj (Palestinian)

*We have our army to protect us. We have our firing range. And if the soldiers aim poorly, it's okay 'cause they might shoot an Arab!*—Moishe (Israeli)

*I support Hamas....They kill women and children but they do it for their country. The more Jews we kill, the fewer there will be. Until they're almost gone.*—Mahmoud (Palestinian)

*In war both sides suffer. Maybe there's a 'winner' but what's a winner? People on BOTH sides die. Both sides lose.*—Daniel (Israeli)

## **DIRECTIONS:**

### **Mini-Essay**

#### **Paragraph 1:**

- Choose one of the following quotes.
- Write your response to it.
- Describe how it makes you feel.
- Do you agree with the statement? Disagree? Why?
- What would YOU do if lived in Israel during this war? Would you try to bring both sides together? Or, would you keep them separate?

#### **Paragraph 2:**

- Based on everything you have read and learned, would you have created a Jewish state (Israel)? What solutions/compromises would you offer to Palestinians already living on the land that became a Jewish state? Cite examples from your fact buckets.
- **HIGHLIGHT OR UNDERLINE YOUR SUPPORTING EVIDENCE (FROM YOUR FACT BUCKETS)**