**British Mandate Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The Balfour Declaration and the British Mandate's impact on the Holy Land - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/british-mandate-reading/)

1. What geopolitical event is the origin of the Balfour Declaration linked to?
2. Why did Britain focus on the Middle East during World War I?
3. What was the main goal of the Zionist movement?
4. Who was Chaim Weizmann and what was his role in this context?
5. What were the two main arguments presented by the Zionist movement to major powers?
6. Who was Arthur Balfour?
7. What did the Balfour Declaration express?
8. How did the Jewish community, especially those aligned with the Zionist movement, react to the declaration?
9. How did the Arab community in Palestine and the broader Arab world perceive the declaration?
10. What was the British Mandate for Palestine?
11. What were Britain's responsibilities under the mandate?
12. What challenges did Britain face during the mandate period?
13. What events in the 1920s highlighted the growing tensions in the region?
14. What was the Arab Revolt of 1936-1939?
15. How did the British respond to the Arab Revolt?
16. How did World War II impact the situation in Palestine?
17. What actions did Jewish militias take in the post-war period?
18. How did the British attempt to resolve the Palestine issue in 1947?
19. What was the UN's proposed solution in 1947?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What were the* [*consequences*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/causes-and-consequences/) *of the conflicting promises made by Britain to both the Jewish and Arab communities during the British Mandate period?*