I. Israel Today

A. Creation of Israel

* **Zionism –**
* **Anti-Semitism –**
* Many Jewish people started establishing colonies in the 1800s
* **80% -**

B. Conflict Over Land

* **Canaan –**
* Was the home of the Jewish people over 2,000 years ago
* Was the home to Muslims for almost 1,500 years

C. People of Israel

* **1948 –**
* Judaism is made the state religion
* Upset Muslims who had lived there for over thousand years
* Both Jews and Arabs consider Israel to be their homeland
* Has resulted in violence and wars
* **20% -**
* Most Arabs practice Islam

D. Reclaiming the Land

* Israel’s large desert is one of the main challenges to its existence
* **Negev Desert –**
* Have adapted to their climate and found ways to grow crops
* **Drip Irrigation –**

E. Dead Sea

* Huge salt water lake located in Israel
* Lowest point on earth
* Called the dead sea because plants and animals can not live in its salty waters
* Salt makes the water very easy to float in

F. Law of Return

* **Law of Return –**
* Over 3 million Jews have moved to Israel over the past 60+ years
* Widespread immigration makes Israel a diverse country

E. Religion in Israel Today

* **25% -**
* **Orthodox Jews –**
* **Rosh Hashanah –**
* **Yom Kippur –**
* **Secular –**
* Make up the majority of Jewish people
* Are interested in living a modern way of life