

Justice

• the quality of being fair and reasonable.

 the administration of the law, or authority in maintaining this.

Rights

 A set of freedoms and privileges, based on humanist principles, that every human being is morally owed by society

Laws

 Rules in a society which regulate the actions and behaviour of its citizens

Criminal Law

 A system of law concerned with the punishment of those who commit crimes. (Contrasted with civil law.)

Common Law

 Law that is based on unwritten customs and previous legal decisions, rather than written laws.

Legislature

 One of three branches of government, is elected, and passes laws.

Judiciary

 One of three branches of government, is appointed or hired, and enforces laws

Supreme Court

The highest judicial court in a country or province.

Common Good

 Behaviour and conduct that is to the advantage or benefit of all people in society (or a group).

Rule of Law

 The idea that everyone in a democratic society agrees to subject themselves to a universal code, that is enforced on all citizens equally

The Israel - Palestine Debacle

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What's Happening in the Middle East?

 The country of Israel is a state based on the idea of it being the "homeland of the Jewish people"

 The nation was created after World War II, as U.S. President Truman began pushing for Jewish people to be admitted into Palestine in 1945

• It was founded in the region of Palestine, where Jewish people were said to originate from (Jerusalem)

Region of Palestine - Pre 1922

Home to a large number of Arab muslims

 Jewish "Zionists," who believed they had the right to their own sovereign nation, began settling in the areas near Jerusalem in 1880 onward

 The British took control of the region during World War I, and began formally governing it in 1922

Region of Palestine - Post 1922

- The non-Jewish Palestinians repeatedly revolted against their British governors, not accepting their rule as legitimate
- The British previously supported Jewish Zionism with the Balfour Declaration of 1917. After World War II, the British gave control of the region to the Jewish people

 A brutal civil war between the Jewish and Palestinian peoples took place, with the Palestinians receding to Gaza

Israel

- Governed on the principal that Judaism is the State religion, and that Israel is the safe and rightful home of the Jewish people
- The Jewish people experienced many hardships throughout history, and after the Holocaust genocide in World War II, they had an extreme desire for security

• Israel was thus founded on May 14th, 1948, following the civil war. It was then attacked by all of its neighbouring countries the very next day

What about the Palestinians?

"Born in Gaza" film.