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#### Section A

In this investigation, several methodologies will be utilized to thoroughly examine the question of whether the Arab Israeli War of 1948 was a defensive war on the part of the Israelis. <sup>Is this what we agreed upon?</sup> The primary method of investigation will be the analysis of conflicting historiographies, generally taken from Israel's perspective and the Arabs' perspective. In order to ensure a comprehensive analysis of these competing historiographies, a combination <sup>Be specific here</sup> of primary and secondary sources will be used. <sup>used for which?</sup> For secondary sources, the date of publication will be considered, as, in accordance with the "thirty-year rule" in both the United Kingdom and the state of Israel, secondary sources published before 1978 will not take into account information that was declassified after 1978.

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Section C

Pappé, Ilan. *The Making of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1947-51*. London: I.B. Tauris & Co Ltd, 1992.

*The Making of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1947-51* is a book written by Ilan Pappé, published in 1992. The purpose of the book is to present the history of the Arab-Israeli War of 1948 and the ensuing tensions in the region with special emphasis on the changes in historiography due to the declassification of information in both British and Israeli archives. The source provides valuable explication and commentary on the Arab-Israeli War, presents sources from all sides of the conflict, thus avoiding partisan bias on the part of Israel or the Arab nations. However, the source is limited because the author Ilan Pappé is also a political activist in Israeli politics, so his choice of sources and analysis may be biased to support his own political beliefs, including economic and political boycotts against Israel and the formation of a binational state of Palestine.

yes, but for what  
purpose?  
- what do you think?

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