

Public Input Template–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum May 2019 Draft

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General	Gordon Gerson	A major ethnic group in California (and many other states) are the Jewish people. Immigrant and native-born Jews suffered from discrimination in the past (housing, employment, quotas, etc.), some still do, and anti-Semitism is again rearing its ugly head. No California Ethnic Studies course can be complete without including the history of Jews in the California and the United States.
Glossary	Gordon Gerson	Pg. 2, L31-32. It is not universally accepted that Palestinians live under apartheid conditions. Please remove all references to apartheid, including for South Africa.
Glossary	Gordon Gerson	Include definition of anti-Semitism.
Arab American Studies Course Outline	Gordon Gerson	Pg. 233, L4942. Replace “US imperialism” with “US foreign policy.”
Arab American Studies Course Outline	Gordon Gerson	Pg. 234, L4957. The subject matter for “Call to Boycott...” should state that BDS is perceived as anti-Semitic and explain why.

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Arab Ameican Studies Course Outline	Gordon Gerson	Pg. 237, L5024. The Middle East blank map should include present boundaries of Israel and the West Bank.
Arab Ameican Studies Course Outline	Gordon Gerson	Pg. 242, L5159. Modify to read “ ... the term used by Arabs to describe ...”
Arab Ameican Studies Course Outline	Gordon Gerson	Pg. 242, L5160. Change “1948 Palestine War” to “1948 Israel War of Independence.” Point out that many Palestinian Arabs left voluntarily at the urging of neighboring Arab countries, with the promise they could return after the Jews were driven into the sea.
Arab Ameican Studies Course Outline	Gordon Gerson	Pg. 256, L5492. Modify to read “ ... and how it can be used to arouse emotions and give people agency.”