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TEACHING RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

- Facing History and Ourselves – *Fostering Civil Discourse: How Do We Talk About Issues That Matter*
- Judy Pace – *Teaching Controversial Issues: A Framework for Reflective Practice*
- Street Law – *Classroom Deliberations*
- Constitutional Rights Foundation – *Conducting a Civil Conversation in the Classroom*
- SDCOE resource guide – *Facilitating Dialogue with Compassion*

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

For All Ages

- *How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War*: Common Sense Media gathers tips and conversation starters to help you talk to kids of different ages about the toughest topics.
- *Talking to Your Kids About War*: VeryWell Family explores ways families can speak with young people about war, including tips on sharing information and restricting media coverage.
- *How to Talk to Your Children About Conflict and War*: UNICEF’s guide offers eight tips to support and comfort your children.
- *Handle with Care: Supporting Young People During Crises*: Learning for Justice offers recommendations and resources to help guide conversations with young people and to manage potential subsequent actions and reactions.

For Elementary School Students

*Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of elementary school children*: This article from the American Psychological Association can help adults guide their young children beyond fear and to resilience.

For Middle School Students


Trauma-Informed Resources for School Systems

The *National Child Traumatic Stress Network* provides resources that can be filtered by topic, keyword, and audience with a focus on how adults can identify traumatic responses in young people and how to support them.
Addressing Antisemitism in Public Schools

This SDCOE guide for educators to address antisemitism contains resources from educational organizations, many of which are promoted and used by state departments of education and teachers across the country.

Resources and Tools for Addressing Antisemitism, Intolerance and Bias

Countering Islamophobia in Public Schools

SDCOE’s resource guide on supporting Muslim students includes a section about countering Islamophobia in schools. Teach 9/11 with Compassion guide also contains resources that, while not specific to the war, may be helpful.

The Institute for Curriculum Services (ICS) creates and improves the accuracy of K-12 instructional materials, develops standards-aligned curricula, and provides professional development to teachers.

The Roots and Impacts of Antisemitism lesson plan

Facing History focuses on using lessons of history to challenge teachers and their students to stand up to bigotry and hate. Their resources are widely used in schools across the United States.

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

The ADL’s goal is to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all. The ADL’s resources are used in schools across the United States:

- No Place for Hate program
- Antisemitism Uncovered: BINAH: Building Insights to Navigate Antisemitism and Hate
- Echoes and Reflections
- Lesson Plan: Antisemitic Incidents: Being An Ally, Advocate and Activist
- Lesson Plan: Challenging Antisemitism: Debunking the Myths and Responding With Facts
- Online Antisemitism Course

Islamophobia Resources

- Countering Islamophobia: Learning for Justice
- Confronting Islamophobia in Education: Intercultural Education
- Educating for Cultural Literacy and Mutual Respect: Islamic Networks Group (ING) Ing.org, joined State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond to discuss understanding and countering Islamophobia, January 2021
  - A History of Muslims in America: Islamic Networks Group (ING) Ing.org
  - Muslim Contributions to Civilization
- How to Help When Muslim Students Get Bullied: We are Teachers
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- **Rethinking Islamophobia**: Rethinking Schools
- **Stereotypes, Media, and Islamophobia**: Facing History and Ourselves

UNDERSTANDING MUSLIM STUDENTS

The San Diego County Office of Education gathered key ideas and suggestions from the Muslim community to support Muslim students and create welcoming, safe, and inclusive schools.

- **Five Pillars of Islam**: PBS
- **Islam Lessons**: PBS

Current Events:

**NY Times: Teaching About the Current Conflict in Gaza and Israel**

To learn more about the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict explore these resources from around the web:

- Video: [The Israel-Palestine Conflict: A Brief, Simple History](https://www.vox.com/2016/7/14/11758560/israel-palestine-history) (Vox, 2016)
- Tweet from the comedian Karan Menon: [How the Israel-Palestine Conflict Started](https://twitter.com/karanmenon/status/695411107717011456)

To learn more about the recent escalation of violence, explore these New York Times resources:

- Podcast: [Listen to ‘The Daily’: The Israeli-Palestinian Crisis, Reignited](https://soundcloud.com/newyorktimes/israeli-palestinian-conflict)
- Podcast: [Listen to ‘The Daily’: Nine Days in Gaza](https://soundcloud.com/newyorktimes/nine-days-in-gaza)