

Aim: How did Jews gain their own homeland in Palestine?

I. Treatment of Jews

1. Persecuted
2. Pogroms
3. Anti-Semitism
4. Jews were not welcome in many places such as Russia
5. Russia produced the May Laws prohibiting the rights of Jews

II. Dreyfus Affair

1. Captain Alfred Dreyfus was accused of treason in France
2. Anti-Semitic atmosphere caused Dreyfus to be sentenced, released 12 years later
3. Proved Jews were not welcome anywhere
4. One solution: the mass immigration of Jews to a land that they could call their own

III Theodor Herzl

1. Herzl had the idea of Jewish sovereignty
2. Published *The Jewish State* in 1896
3. Herzl started a plan called Zionism
4. Zionism: ideology that supports a homeland for the Jews in the Land of Israel
5. First Zionist Congress
6. The congress established the World Zionist Organization
7. Created the economic foundation for the proposed Jewish state
8. He died in 1904

IV. Balfour Declaration

1. Arthur Balfour in 1917 he issued the Balfour Declaration
2. Called for a Jewish homeland in Palestine for Jews
3. But this should not displace the Palestinians
4. In 1920 Britain gained control of Palestine as a mandate from the League of Nations
5. From 1917-1939 hundreds of thousands of Jews went to Palestine.
6. The White Paper of 1939 was the idea of an independent Palestine governed jointly by Arabs and Jews
7. The Jews finally received their own home state in 1948 when the United Nations created two Palestine's, one for Muslims and one for Jews.