



EGYPT & ISRAEL

THE ROAD TO PEACE



Section 1: Additional resources

- Daniel Gordis, *Israel: A Concise History*
 - Yehuda Avner, *The Prime Ministers*
 - Sari Nusseibeh, *Once Upon a Country*
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/1971/07/18/archives/the-real-sadat-and-the-demythologized-nasser-sadat-demythologizes.html>
 - <https://israeled.org/egyptian-president-anwar-sadat-israeli-knesset/>
 - <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/video/march-26-1979-begin-sadat-sign-egypt-israel-46803366>
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Section 2: Discussion Questions

- Both Begin and Sadat were considered terrorists by many of their adversaries, yet they were the ones who led the pursuit of peace. When do you think it's possible to shed one's image and change how people perceive the individual?
- If Egypt and Israel—sworn enemies—can make peace, do you think Israel and the Palestinians can make peace? Compare and contrast the differences between the two situations.
- After viewing the episode and thinking about the history, who do you think made the biggest sacrifice in the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, and who do you admire the most?

Section 3: Review - Did the students understand the material?

1. How many wars were fought against Israel before 1979?
2. What are some things Sadat and Begin had in common?

In his early years, who did Sadat admire?

- a. Moses
- b. Hitler (correct answer)
- c. Begin
- d. Ben Gurion

Which famous hotel did Begin bomb?

- a. Hilton
- b. Sheraton
- c. King David (correct answer)
- d. King Solomon

When Begin heard Sadat's desire to make peace, what was Begin's reaction?

- a. Reluctance
- b. Dismissal
- c. Excitement (correct answer)
- d. Disappointment

Section 4: Reflection Questions

- If you were given an hour to sit down with Golda Meir, what are three questions you would ask her?
- Is it possible for you to have deep reverence for a leader while acknowledging their imperfections, or do you expect your leaders to be mostly infallible?
- Which of Golda Meir's values do you personally admire the most, and why?