



## ***Teacher's Guide***

### **Lebanon War: 1982** **World At War**

**Grade Levels:**

7 - 12

**Subject Areas:**

World History

**Synopsis:**

A British narrator explains that Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 to establish their right to exist as a nation and as a reprisal for PLO attacks on Israel's northern borders. Live-action film footage captures the intensity of the invasion, the determination of the PLO street fighters, and the expansion of the war into central Syria. Confrontations filmed include the attacks and defense of the Beirut-Damascus Highway, and the prolonged War of Attrition as Israel attempted to confront PLO holdouts in Beirut and the guerrillas practiced their "living shield" defenses. Also shows the last days of the war as international troops oversaw the withdrawal of the PLO to sheltering Arab countries.

**Learning Objectives:** Students will:

- Understand that this war was fought to establish Israel's right to exist.
- Describe PLO tactics, leadership, and training methods.
- Understand that the battles included all-out attacks with tanks, missiles, anti-aircraft weapons, and the latest in military aircraft.
- Explain why Israel was successful but the situation remained unresolved.

**Vocabulary:**

invincible, dogfights, War of Attrition

**Pre-Viewing Discussion:**

In relationship to Israel, where is Lebanon located? Where is Syria located?

What is the name of the guerrilla organization that was formed when Palestinians were displaced from Israel in 1948?

Who was the leader of this organization in 1982?

What other country took in Palestinian refugees who were displaced in Israel's War of Independence?

What grudges did Palestinian refugees hold against Israel? Did they feel that Israel had a right to exist?

**Post-Viewing Discussion:**

Why did Israel invade Lebanon?

Why did the War of Attrition last so long?

Why did the Israelis win the war?

Were any of the issues between Israelis and Palestinians resolved in this war?

**Further Activities:**

Further investigate Yasser Arafat's role in this war.

Further research how PLO recruits prepared to do battle in this war.

Find out what military aircraft and tanks Israel deployed in this war.

Find topographical maps of the area to determine the physical barriers confronted by troops on both sides in this war.

**Related New Dimension Media Titles:**

Israel (Beyond Our Borders)