

## Fatah vs. Hamas: Research Guide Key

**NOTE:** Basic information and possible answers for each question are listed below. Additional ideas and information could be included. H represents the view of Hamas, F represents the view of Fatah, and I represents the view of the broader international community, including the United States/

1. Group I am representing: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Our group's ultimate goal for the Gaza region is:

**F:** re-start talks with Israel and work to achieve peace between the Palestinians and Israelis

**H:** to create an independent Palestinian state that does not recognize Israel or allow its occupation of the area

**I:** to create unity between Hamas and Fatah to avoid a full-scale civil war in the Palestinian territory and to encourage the Palestinian-Israeli peace process (U.S. view)

3. The way we believe we can achieve this goal best is by:

**F:** Negotiations and peace talks with Israel

**H:** the use of force and violence if necessary to force Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian territories

**I:** answers will vary—U.S. and many other countries will not provide financial aid to Hamas, while Iran and other Muslim nations have pledged to help Hamas. Conversely, the U.S. supports Fatah and its leadership in their peace efforts with Israel.

4. The actions we are willing to take to achieve this goal are:

**Answers will vary based on current events and various sources being used. In general, Hamas can be expected to use what many consider to be terrorist tactics and both parties may continue to accuse one another of plotting political violence. The Fatah party could continue calling for new elections and the dissolution of parliament. The international community could continue to react by funding the various groups that uphold their interests (i.e. Iran funds Hamas, U.S. funds Fatah, etc.)**

5. The common people should expect to be affected in the following ways by these actions:

**Answers will vary but should include information about how common citizens are the victims of violence resulting from the attacks exchanged between members of the Fatah and Hamas parties. In addition, since much aid has been cut as a result of the Hamas party's control of Parliament, common people can expect that they will face**

**a variety of economic hardships.**

6. If we are unsuccessful in achieving our goal, these are some other solutions we might consider:

**Answers will vary based upon current events in the region and research sources used**

7. Other important information we want people to understand about our point of view:

**All answers will vary based on information that students find during research.**