



## **Teacher's Guide**

### **Yom Kippur War: 1973** **World At War**

#### **Grade Levels:**

7 - 12

#### **Subject Areas:**

World History

#### **Synopsis:**

A British narrator explains that the Yom Kippur War began when Egypt and Syria invaded Israel on two fronts during the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. He credits their early successes to the surprise attack but also to a renewed Egyptian fighting force that planned the invasion of the Bar Lev Line with great ingenuity and foresight. Only when Israel is able to take out anti-aircraft defenses do the Israelis begin to experience victory on the Syrian front while a surprise attack through Africa leaves the Egyptian forces stranded on the east bank of the Suez Canal. The war closes when a disappointed Egyptian President Anwar Sadat negotiates with Israeli forces in the Sinai Peninsula.

#### **Learning Objectives:** Students will:

- Recall the major events of the battles of the Yom Kippur War.
- Explain how the Egyptian army was able to occupy key positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal.
- Explain why the Israeli army was ultimately victorious against its stronger Arab neighbors.
- Speculate on the political ramifications of President Sadat's peace negotiations.

#### **Vocabulary:**

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#### **Pre-Viewing Discussion:**

What was the Six-Day War? Who were the participants?

Why did this war increase Arab resistance to Israel's occupation of Arab territories?

What is Yom Kippur?

Why would Yom Kippur be a good time for an Arab attack on Israel?

What else would have to be in effect for Arab nations to be successful in an attack against Israel?

**Post-Viewing Discussion:**

Why were Egyptian troops so successful in their surprise attack on Israel's East Bank territories?

Why were the Syrians initially successful in their attack on the Golan Heights?

Why was Israel eventually successful in the Golan Heights?

Why was Israel ultimately successful in the Syrian Peninsula?

**Further Activities:**

Investigate the political effects of President Sadat's negotiations with Israel during this war.

Investigate the military careers of the key Israeli or Arab leaders in the Yom Kippur War.

Find further details about tank warfare in the Yom Kippur War.

Further investigate how the Israelis were able to defeat Arab anti-aircraft defenses in this war.

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