

TEXTBOOK SURVEY FORM

It is crucial that textbooks contain factual and unbiased information, and present an honest and balanced picture of current events, history, geography, political science and related subjects. Textbooks help provide the educational foundation of our nation's future leaders. Please help Greater Philadelphia ZOA assess the accuracy of textbooks with regard to Israel, the broader Middle East, the peace process and Jewish history. Look through your child's or grandchild's textbooks and then answer the following questions (if you need more space, please add additional sheets.).

Do the textbooks present a balanced view of the Middle East? Is there bias, errors or omissions? (Provide details and examples)

If there is a history of Israel (ancient and/or modern) is it accurate? Is there any bias, errors or omissions?

Do the textbooks present a balanced view of the peace process? Is there bias, errors or omissions? (Provide details and examples)

When referring to people engaged in violence, do the textbooks refer to them as "terrorists," "freedom fighters," "militants," or "activists"? (Provide details and examples)

Do maps in the textbook show all of the Middle East or just Israel, the Palestinian Territories and neighboring countries? Are disputed areas labeled "West Bank," "Judea-Samaria," "Occupied Territories" or "Disputed Territories?" How is Jerusalem labeled?

If there is a reference to Jerusalem, is it referred to as the capital of Israel, or does it have another designation?

Are there any other inaccuracies, distortions or problems you have observed in the book(s)?

Please provide us with the name of the textbook(s) cited as well as the publisher, edition and year:

Are there any Israel-related biases, errors or omissions in any supplementary materials used in class or Web sites students are instructed to use (please provide names and examples)?

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