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Preparing to Teach Palestine: A Toolkit

Base Strong Curriculum in Strong Pedagogy

- As always with social justice

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safe for them to speak from

their hearts, tell their stories, be vulnerable, have feelings, and make mistakes—that your classroom is a nurturing place for opening up and changing.

- Think carefully as you create your curriculum. Start with your students' lives. What issues are most resonant for them? How can you connect Palestine? You might want to center gentrification and forced relocation, criminalization of youth, or hip-hop as resistance. Maybe you want to take a deep dive into the Native American history in your area and connect that to settler colonialism in Palestine.
- Take advantage of resources and curriculum that already exist. See the resources list at the end of this toolkit.
- Integrate Palestine into your curriculum so it's not a "multicultural add-on" but an illuminating comparison. A few examples: impact of continuing colonial control on water resources at the US/Mexico border and in Gaza, using

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comparing Manifest Destiny to the Promised Land, efforts to bury history and the struggles to resurface those histories.

- Then, make sure you can justify your curriculum with your state standards.

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