This is my reflection paper on my final thesis conducted by four individuals. We wrote this paper for our senior capstone for global and international studies. Thus said, I would like to give credit for Melanie Leary, Marissa Weller and Joe Fette, all students in the global and international studies program at Western Michigan University. I also used our project which consisted of a poster and a paper for my final thesis.

My direct contributions were weekly meeting with our class and the professor Dr. K, discussing ideas and progress on our project throughout the semester. Also, various group meeting to discuss more in-depth details. Regarding the paper, I wrote the introduction of the paper and my group members did revisions and edited it. Originally, we said we would do this together, but my groups members were not focused on this project and we did not have anything done, I decided to take the initiative to do it myself and have them review and edit it. Each member of the group oversees their own section of the paper, even though we have discussed each of the section together. My section was to research and discuss what the three holy books of Islam, Christianity and Islam say regarding narrative claims of the land of Israel. I went into dept about credibility of these books, the difficulty of understanding them, land claims and the common ground between the three religious' books. I thought the common ground was important because not many individuals look at the similarities of these religions. Most focus on the differences and how those small differences cause and contribute to conflict. Also, I have contributed to conducting the conclusion of our paper, establishing a poster with
basic information on it and giving a presentation/defense thesis to my class, my thesis chair and my thesis committee.

This was an experience conducting this project/paper, especially regards to doing it as a group. With, having four college students, who all have busy schedules, this creates difficulty when it comes to meeting up to discuss the paper. Even though, some members of my group did not prioritize this project throughout the whole semester, lacked communication skills, and ignored deadlines that were established, we were able to figure it out, but it took longer than expected. I learned a lot about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the reasons why it may never get solved. This is such a difficult conflict because of the way it is discusses. More common grounds of these groups need to be in the media and in textbooks. Regarding, things I would do differently in the future, would be working in a smaller group or getting to know my group members better before we worked together. Groups only work if they all have the same goal in mind, and are willing to do what it takes to execute a plan of success. However, my group ended up finishing a great project and I enjoyed conducting my part of this project.