

**Beirut Crisis – Past and Present**  
**History/Language Arts**  
**(TT, OP, DL, OB)**

**Class description:** The Battleship New Jersey entered the Beirut Crisis in 1983 after the bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon. This class will examine the battleship's role in that war as well as the causes of the conflict. Through primary source documents from those aboard the New Jersey, as well as an oral history from a former resident of Beirut, students will evaluate the effectiveness of the methods of dealing with the Lebanese conflicts in both 1983 and in 2006. Preparatory materials for this class will include maps of the area which will aid students not only in a better geographic understanding of the Middle East, but will also demonstrate where lines have been drawn to divide ethnicities and members of various religious beliefs.