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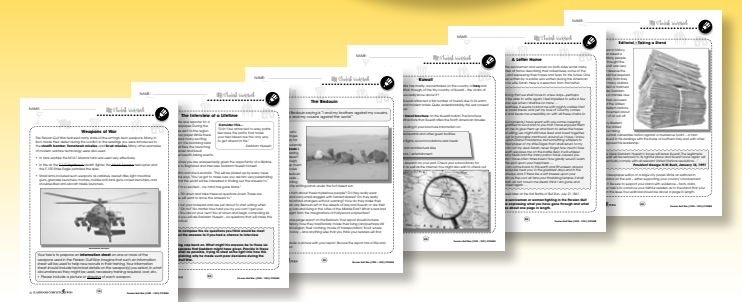
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Life In Iraq



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What do you know about Iraq and its people? Write as much as you know about the country and the Iraqi people, Iraq's location in the world, the language(s) of the people, their occupations, what they might do for recreation, their religion, etc.

2. Match the term on the left to its definition on the right. You may use a dictionary to help you.

1	ethnicity	Conflict.	A
2	conquer	A desire to achieve something (i.e. power, wealth, fame).	B
3	nomadic	A people sharing a common and distinctive culture, religion, and language.	C
4	tradition	To send to another country.	D
5	export	The behaviors and beliefs of a particular society.	E
6	ambition	Having no fixed home; a wanderer.	F
7	strife	To defeat.	G
8	culture	The handing down of statements, beliefs, customs, etc., from generation to generation.	H



Invasion of Kuwait



Kuwait is a small, oil-rich country that borders on southeastern Iraq. It is much smaller than Iraq, with a population of only about 3 million people. The discovery of oil in Kuwait in the 1930s led it to becoming one of the richest countries in the Persian Gulf region. By 1952 it had become the area's largest exporter of oil. Scientists believe it has the world's fifth-largest proven oil reserves. Modern Kuwait has been an independent nation since 1961.



Kuwait City

In the summer of 1990 Saddam Hussein decided to invade Kuwait and make it Iraq's 19th province. Iraq and Kuwait had been arguing over the border between them for years. Saddam believed that Kuwait should be a part of Iraq because before World War I it had been a part of Iraq under the **Ottoman Empire**. He also accused Kuwait of selling too much cheap oil, which brought the prices of Iraq's oil down, and of stealing his country's oil by "slant drilling" (sticking long oil pipes beneath the Iraqi border). It is more probable that the main reason for the invasion was Iraq's need for cash. In the 1980s the country had run up a huge debt because of their eight-year war with Iran, and they needed money in the worst way. During the Iran-Iraq war Kuwait had loaned billions of dollars to Iraq to help them and when the war finally ended, had demanded repayment.



Why do you think that Saddam Hussein thought that Kuwait should not have asked to be repaid for their loan to Iraq?

Following the war with Iran, Iraq was recognized as having the most powerful military in the Gulf area. In the summer of 1990 Saddam demanded \$27 billion dollars from Kuwait and threatened to invade the little country if they refused. Unfortunately, no other countries took him seriously. On August 2, 1990 an Iraqi force of about 120,000 soldiers and approximately 2,000 tanks and armored vehicles invaded Kuwait, leaving a trail of destruction behind them. The smaller Kuwaiti army was powerless to stop the invaders and many of their 20,000 soldiers were killed or captured. Saddam Hussein removed the Emir of Kuwait, Jaber Al-Sabah, and installed his own governor.



The Ground War



1. Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- a) Firing the Scud missiles into Israel was a thoughtless decision by Saddam Hussein.
TRUE FALSE
- b) Many European nations would have changed sides if Israel had entered the war.
TRUE FALSE
- c) The United States rushed a number of Scud missiles to Israel for its defense.
TRUE FALSE
- d) By the end of the war over 110,000 bombing missions had flown against Iraq.
TRUE FALSE
- e) One of the purposes of the aerial attacks was to "soften up" Iraqi troops.
TRUE FALSE
- f) Iraq even launched missile attacks against Saudi Arabia.
TRUE FALSE

2. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- a) One of the cities bombed by the coalition forces was:
 - A. Geneva
 - B. Baghdad
 - C. Belgrade
 - D. Belarus
- b) The military commander of the allied forces was:
 - A. Don Cheney
 - B. Donald Trump
 - C. Norman Schwarzkopf
 - D. Colin Powell



Invasion of Kuwait



4. Answer each question with a complete sentence.

- a) How did it happen that Iraq's invasion of Kuwait also frightened the other countries in the Persian Gulf?

- b) What action did the United Nations take after the invasion of Kuwait?

- c) What was *Operation Desert Shield*?

Research

At least part of the reason that other countries reacted so strongly to the invasion of Kuwait was the danger of having their supply of oil cut off by Iraq. How important is oil to the economy of a country like the United States? Investigate and prepare a report on the importance of oil products to a Western economy. You might consider such questions as: What products are made from Kuwaiti oil? How much oil is *consumed* every day in the United States? How many jobs are tied in with the oil industry? What might happen to a country like the United States if their sources of oil dried up?



Iraq Map

For this activity you will need to find a good map of Iraq (or maybe even two or three!). You may be able to find such a map in your school library or on the internet. Using the map, answer the following questions as best you can.



- What are the names of the two major rivers which flow through Iraq?

- What is the name of the large body of water lying to the northwest of the city of Baghdad? (Hint: It is the largest body of water in Iraq.)

- What is the name of the mountain range in the northeast region of Iraq?

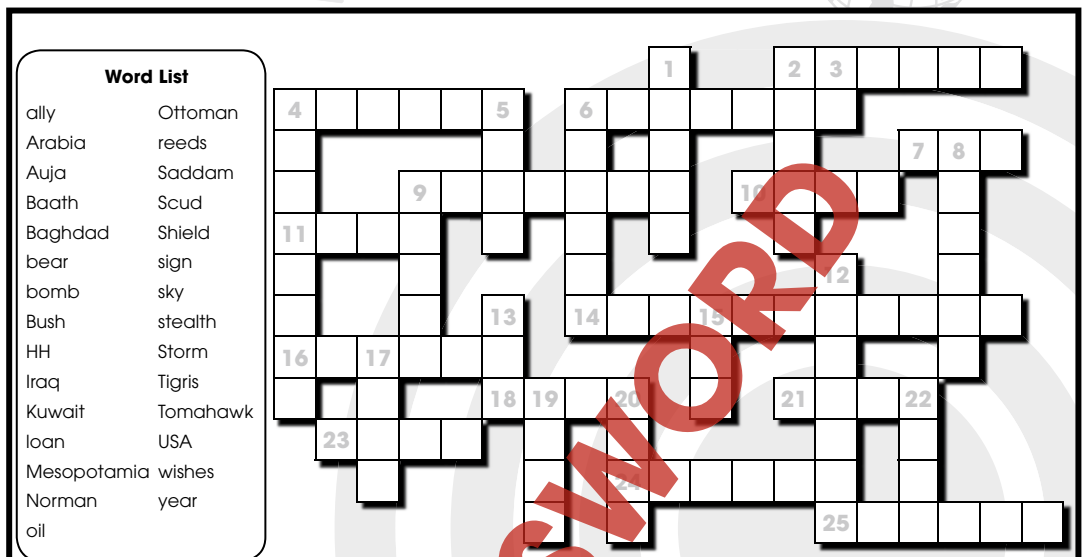
- What country borders Iraq to the east? _____
 - What countries border Iraq to the south? _____
- What is the name of the desert that is located in the western area of Iraq?

- Circle the city which is not located in Iraq.

Baghdad Mosul Karbala Al Basrah Damascus



Crossword Puzzle!



Word List	
ally	Ottoman
Arabia	reeds
Auja	Saddam
Baath	Scud
Baghdad	Shield
bear	sign
bomb	sky
Bush	stealth
HH	Storm
Iraq	Tigris
Kuwait	Tomahawk
Ioan	USA
Mesopotamia	wishes
Norman	year
oil	

Across

- Operation Desert _____
- Iraqi River.
- A high tech bomber.
- Where planes fly.
- Iraqi city.
- Middle Eastern country.
- Saddam's hometown.
- Before 1900 Iraq was a part of _____.
- Desires.
- A friend in times of difficulty.
- Many of these fell on Baghdad during this war.
- American President during the Persian Gulf War.
- Saudi _____.
- Stormin' _____.

Down

- Saddam's childhood house was made of mud and _____.
- Operation Desert _____.
- Abbrev. Initials of President Hubert Humphrey.
- A missile.
- Stop _____.
- _____ Hussein.
- Iraq invaded this nation.
- Saddam's political party.
- The _____ Empire.
- Large North American country.
- A resource found in Iraq and Kuwait.
- Missile fired into Israel during war.
- A bank may _____ you money.
- Usually it's 365 days long.
- This animal may be found in the mountains of Iraq.

Comprehension Quiz

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Part A

Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- Iraq is about the same size as the state of New York.
TRUE FALSE
- The people living in northeastern Iraq are the Kurds.
TRUE FALSE
- Saddam Hussein accused Kuwait of "slant drilling" beneath its border to steal Iraqi oil.
TRUE FALSE
- Saddam Hussein was a member of the Baath Party.
TRUE FALSE
- At the start of the Gulf War Iraq had over 5 million soldiers and 2,500 fighter planes.
TRUE FALSE
- At the beginning of the war Iraq fired Scud missiles into Israel and Saudi Arabia.
TRUE FALSE
- Although the coalition forces were victorious, the war lasted almost two whole years.
TRUE FALSE
- The Iraqi people were most grateful that their capital city, Baghdad, had been spared any bombing by the coalition forces.
TRUE FALSE

Part B

Circle the three countries that are not located in the Gulf region.

Korea Iran Ethiopia Kuwait Saudi Arabia Pakistan Iraq

SUBTOTAL: /11

Coalition Forces Air Campaign Map





The Ground War



1. Complete each sentence with a word from the list. Use a dictionary to help you.

intensify retaliate massive persuade strategy neutral

- a) A _____ describes a plan, method, or series of maneuvers for obtaining a specific goal or result.
- b) A nation that is _____ does not take part or give assistance in a dispute or war between others.
- c) When you are able to _____ a person, you succeed in causing him/her to act in a certain way.
- d) Something which is _____ is extremely huge.
- e) _____ means to *make more intense*.
- f) To _____ means to *get even*.

2. President John F. Kennedy once said, 'Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.' Certainly most people would probably agree that war is a terrible thing and should be avoided whenever possible. In your opinion was the Persian Gulf War justified? Defend your answer, imagining the consequences if there had not been a war.

1.

- a) strategy
- b) neutral
- c) persuade
- d) massive
- e) intensify
- f) retaliate

2.

Answers will vary

1.

- a) FALSE
- b) FALSE
- c) FALSE
- d) TRUE
- e) TRUE
- f) TRUE

3.

- a) From the intensive bombing, starvation, desertion of officers.
- b) They didn't expect the nations of the world to care about Kuwait. They thought Hussein would withdraw his troops before the invasion.



1.

- a) resistance
- b) obliterate
- c) disposal
- d) expanse
- e) estimate

f) regard

2.

- a) Answers will vary. (i.e. When the enemy surrenders)

- b) Answers will vary. (i.e. The weapons are so powerful and destructive)

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