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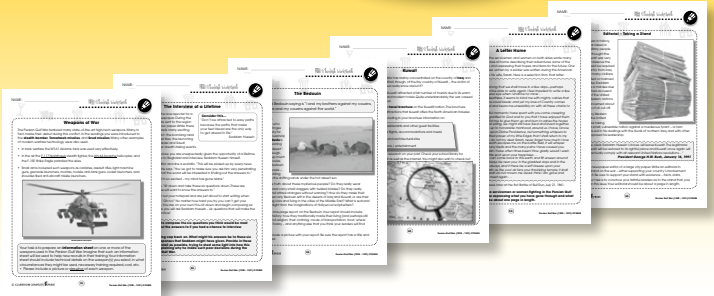
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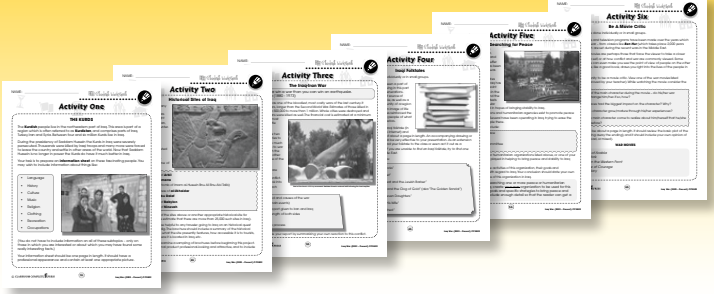
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# The War Begins



1. With a straight line, connect each word on the left with its meaning on the right.

A	ruthless	battle
B	protect	cruel
C	support	exaciness
D	deadline	alliance
E	coalition	secret
F	critical	safeguard
G	opponent	enemy
H	combat	uphold
I	stealth	important
J	accuracy	last possible moment

2. Weapons of war have certainly undergone some changes during the past century. What are some examples of weapons that are available for use in a war today?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What might be considered the "ultimate" weapon today? Why is it so important that such a weapon never be used?

\_\_\_\_\_

# The War Begins



People the world over were very nervous about the idea of facing Saddam Hussein and the ruthless Republican Guard in a war. Saddam, it was said, "simply does not understand fear." The Iraqi army was believed to number over 1.2 million and supporting them were over 750 fighter planes and bombers.



Shortly after the invasion of Kuwait, the United States, under the leadership of George H.W. Bush, began sending troops and military equipment to the Gulf region to help protect other nations in the area, and to protect their sources of oil in the Middle East. This was known as **Operation Desert Shield**.



Why do you think President Bush gave it the name "Operation Desert Shield"?

\_\_\_\_\_

The United Nations had told Iraq that it must leave Kuwait by January 15, 1991. The whole world then held its breath. In the meantime a number of nations, including Great Britain, France, and Canada joined the **coalition** in Operation Desert Shield. When the January 15th deadline passed and Iraq refused to leave Kuwait, President Bush ordered the start of the air attack on Iraqi military targets. Operation Desert Shield had become **Operation Desert Storm**.

Operation Desert Storm began with the most awesome air assault ever. In the first week they flew almost 5,000 missions – losing only ten planes. Tomahawk cruise missiles and "stealth" fighter planes were used for the first time in combat. The "stealth" bombers dropped laser-guided "smart bombs" with pinpoint accuracy. The war against Saddam Hussein and his armies was only beginning. How tough an opponent would the Iraqi army prove to be in this critical next phase of the war – the ground war?



# The War Begins



1. Fill in each blank with the correct word from the reading.

- a) It was said that Saddam Hussein simply didn't understand \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) The Iraqi army was believed to number over \_\_\_\_\_ million and were supported by \_\_\_\_\_ fighter planes and bombers.
- c) The military build up in the Middle East by the United States and its allies was known as Operation Desert \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) The purpose of this operation was to protect the nations of the area as well as the sources of \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) The United \_\_\_\_\_ told the Iraqis they must leave Kuwait by January \_\_\_\_\_, 1991.
- f) The air attack was directed at Iraqi \_\_\_\_\_ targets.

2. a) Cross out words that were not a part of Operation Desert Storm.

stealth bombers   Tomahawk missiles   smart bombs   Spitfire fighter planes

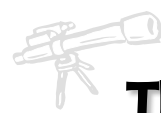
b) Circle any of the following that were not a part of the Persian Gulf War.

George H.W. Bush   Bill Clinton   Saddam Hussein   Republican Guard

c) Underline the nation that did not join Operation Desert Shield.

Israel   Great Britain   France   Canada

# The War Begins

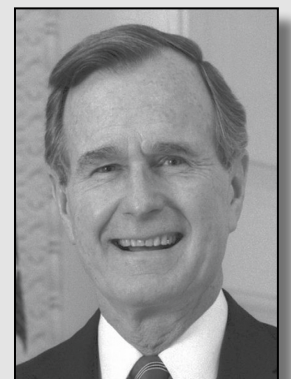


3. Answer each question with a full sentence.

- a) What advantage was there in the use of stealth bombers?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b) Why do you think the air assault was planned before the ground war began?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c) How many missions were flown by the coalition forces during the war's first week, and how many planes did they lose as a result?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Research

President **George H.W. Bush** played an important part in the Persian Gulf War. Investigate the life and accomplishments of this man and write a one-page report outlining a few key points about his personal life and political career. Pay special attention to the role he played in the Persian Gulf War.





## Artistic Flair



For this hands-on activity you have a **menu of options**. Choose one of the menu items below:

**A. A Comic Strip**

This activity is especially for students with an artistic flair or who love comic books! Your topic can be the Iraq War in general, or you may choose to focus on one aspect of it (i.e. the life of Saddam Hussein). The first step is to decide on the length of your comic strip (6 to 12 frames is suggested). Next consider what events you will include. A quick sketch of the comic strip should first be drawn in a **storyboard format** before a final, good copy is attempted. The strip should include a title, dialog and color. It should be neat and imaginative.

**B. A Detailed Picture or Diorama**

Do either a detailed picture or a diorama of some aspect of the Iraq War. Possible subjects *might* include an oil well; Saddam Hussein's palace or military bunker in Baghdad; a weapon of war; one of the coalition military personnel in uniform.

**C. Adding to Your Poem**

If you completed the previous activity (**Hands-On Activity 3**) you now have an opportunity to add to the overall effect of the poem and its presentation. Supplement the poem's *presentation* with a picture or other suitable visual tools which capture the poem's theme. The final product should be suitable for posting on a classroom or school bulletin board.

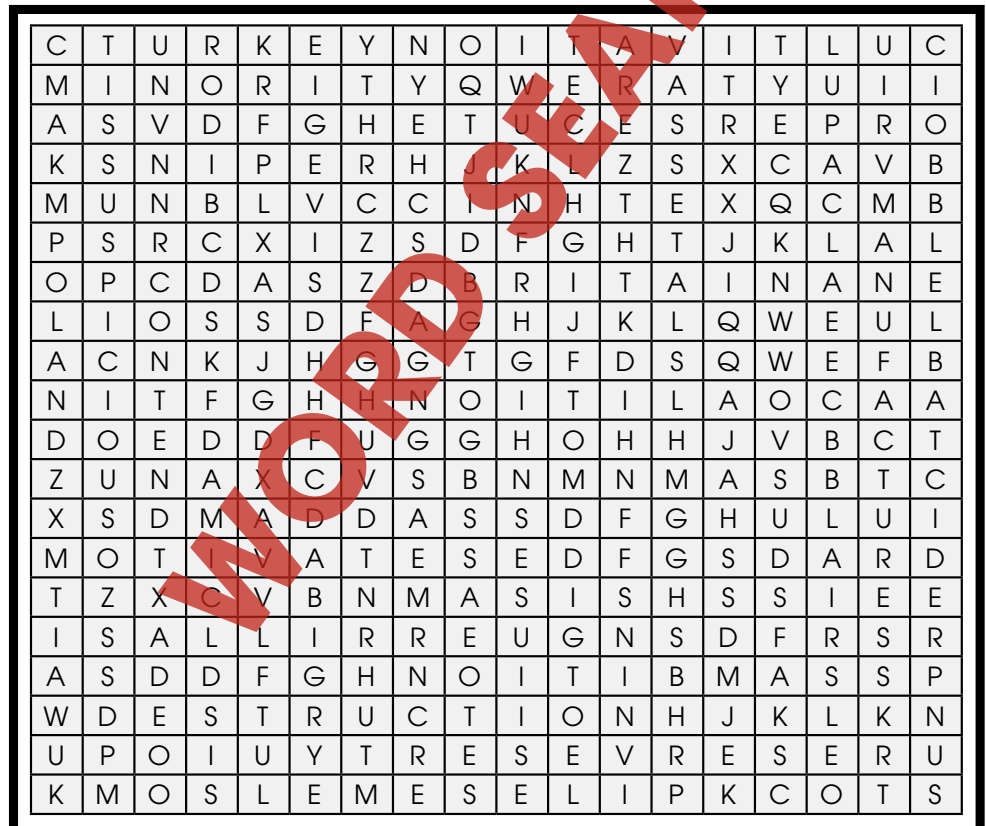


## Word Search



Find all **THIRTY** words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some even backwards.

ambition	Bush	destruction	Kurds	motivate	sniper
asset	civilization	ethnic	Kuwait	persecute	stockpiles
Baghdad	coalition	guerrilla	manufacture	Poland	suspicious
Blair	contend	Hussein	minority	reserves	Turkey
Britain	cultivation	Iraq	Moslem	Saddam	unpredictable



## 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.

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- Much of the land in Iraq is sandy desert.  
TRUE FALSE
- Saddam Hussein's political party was called the *Strident People's Party*.  
TRUE FALSE
- Iraq had been involved in a long war with Syria.  
TRUE FALSE
- The Persian Gulf War happened because of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.  
TRUE FALSE
- The organization **al-Qaeda** took credit for the terrorist incidents in America on September 11, 2001.  
TRUE FALSE
- The U.S. wanted to launch their attacks on Iraq from the country of Turkey.  
TRUE FALSE
- The United States accused Iraq of manufacturing weapons of mass destruction.  
TRUE FALSE
- General Norman Schwarzkopf** was the commander of the coalition forces during the Iraq War of 2003.  
TRUE FALSE

## Part B

Circle the three countries below that were a part of the coalition.

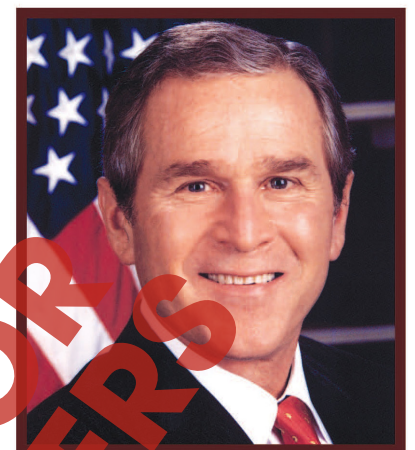
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Canada Poland Australia France Russia Great Britain

SUBTOTAL: /11

Iraq War  
Key Figures

**Saddam Hussein**  
5th President of Iraq  
1979 - 2003



**George W. Bush**  
43rd U.S. President  
2001 - 2009



**Tony Blair**  
Prime Minister of United Kingdom  
1997 - 2007



**Tommy Franks**  
US Army General, Commander-in-Chief  
U.S. Central Command

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Before You Read



# Invasion of Kuwait



1. The war between Iraq and Kuwait was between two countries whose oil reserves are among the largest in the world. What do you think might be a reason for two such countries going to war?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Match each word to its definition. You may use the dictionary to help you.

1	export	To destroy.	A
2	probable	The act of setting upon a course of action.	B
3	destruction	Likely.	C
4	deposed	Head of state in some Islamic countries.	D
5	emir	The choice or best.	E
6	resolution	To ship products to another country.	F
7	elite	To overthrow a ruler.	G

# EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

1. Answers will vary. (i.e. Greed, bad leadership, jealousy)

2. 1. F

3. A

4. G

5. D

6. B

7. E  
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1. a) FALSE

b) FALSE

c) TRUE

d) FALSE

e) FALSE

2. a) 3

b) 1

c) 5

d) 4

e) 2

3. - Iran  
- Ottoman Empire  
- United States  
- Saudi Arabia

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4.

a) Iraq had one of the largest, best-equippeded armies in the world and their leader was very aggressive.

b) They gave Iraq until Jan. 15, 1991 to leave Kuwait.

c) The U.S. moved thousands of troops and military equipment into the Persian Gulf region to protect the other nations in the Middle East.

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1. A. cruel

B. safeguard

C. uphold

D. last possible moment

E. alliance

F. important

G. enemy

H. battle

I. secret

J. exactness  
Answers will vary. (i.e. Tanks, heat-seeking missiles, submarines)

3. Nuclear weapons. They may destroy all human life.

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