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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.

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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



## Life In Iraq



**A**lthough the country of Iraq was only created in 1921, people have lived there for thousands of years. Over the centuries many people have fought over this area. One of the reasons for this is because Iraq was located in the middle of a major trading route. Some famous cities of old were built there, such as **Babylon, Ur** and **Nineveh**. Even the famous conqueror, **Alexander the Great**, once ruled this region, rebuilding many of Babylon's historic buildings. Recent history has seen Iraq go through years of strife among the ethnic groups within its borders, as well as wars with neighbors such as Iran and Kuwait.



Gelli Hajyal Mosque, Kurdistan, Iraq

The main two ethnic groups living in Iraq are the **Arabs** and **Kurds**. The Arabs invaded this region almost fifteen hundred years ago, bringing with them their language, **Arabic**, and their religion, **Islam**. In modern Iraq, Arabs make up more than three-quarters of the population. The Kurds, on the other hand, number about five million and live mainly in the northeast part of the country. They are mostly Sunni Muslims and speak Kurdish.

State two main differences between the Arabs and Kurds of Iraq.



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\_\_\_\_\_

The **Bedouin** are a nomadic people who live in the desert areas of Iraq. Many of these people raise sheep and goats for their meat, milk, wool, and skins. Traditionally these people have lived in tents woven from goat hair. Today many Bedouin have settled in the cities and villages of Iraq.



## Life In Iraq



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

**Kurds    Arabic    trading    Bedouin    Nineveh    Iran**

- a) One of the reasons this region was fought over was because it is on a major \_\_\_\_\_ route.
- b) One of the ancient cities of Iraq was \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) Recently Iraq has been involved in a war with \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) The \_\_\_\_\_ are an ethnic group who live in northeast Iraq.
- e) The language of the majority of Iraqis is \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) The \_\_\_\_\_ are traditionally a nomadic people who live in desert areas.

2. Break out an atlas - or check the internet.

- a) Circle the one country from the list below which is not located in the Middle East.

Uruguay    Iran    Kuwait    Israel    Lebanon

- b) Which of the following countries does not border Iraq?

Turkey    Jordan    Syria    Afghanistan    Saudi Arabia

## Iraq Map

**F**or 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?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- a) What country borders Iraq to the east? \_\_\_\_\_  
b) 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**

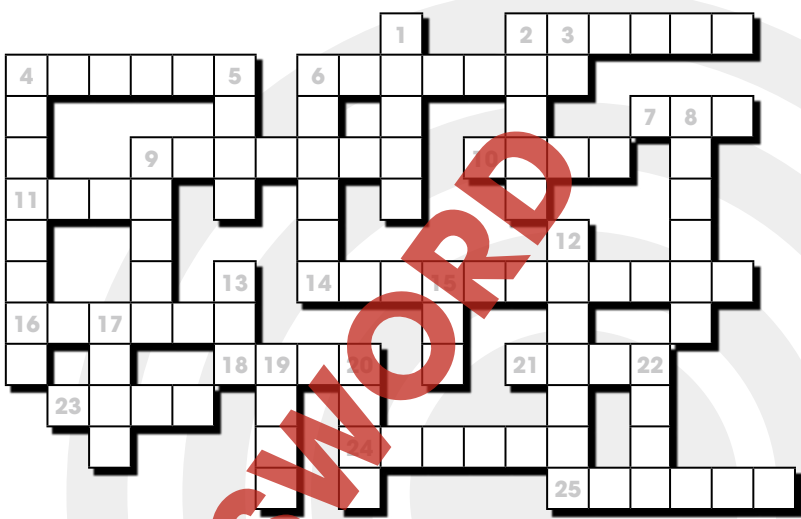




# Crossword Puzzle!

### Word List

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



### Across

2. Operation Desert \_\_\_\_\_
4. Iraqi River.
6. A high tech bomber.
7. Where planes fly.
9. Iraqi city.
10. Middle Eastern country.
11. Saddam's hometown.
14. Before 1900 Iraq was a part of \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Desires.
18. A friend in times of difficulty.
21. Many of these fell on Baghdad during this war.
23. American President during the Persian Gulf War.
24. Saudi \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Stormin' \_\_\_\_\_.

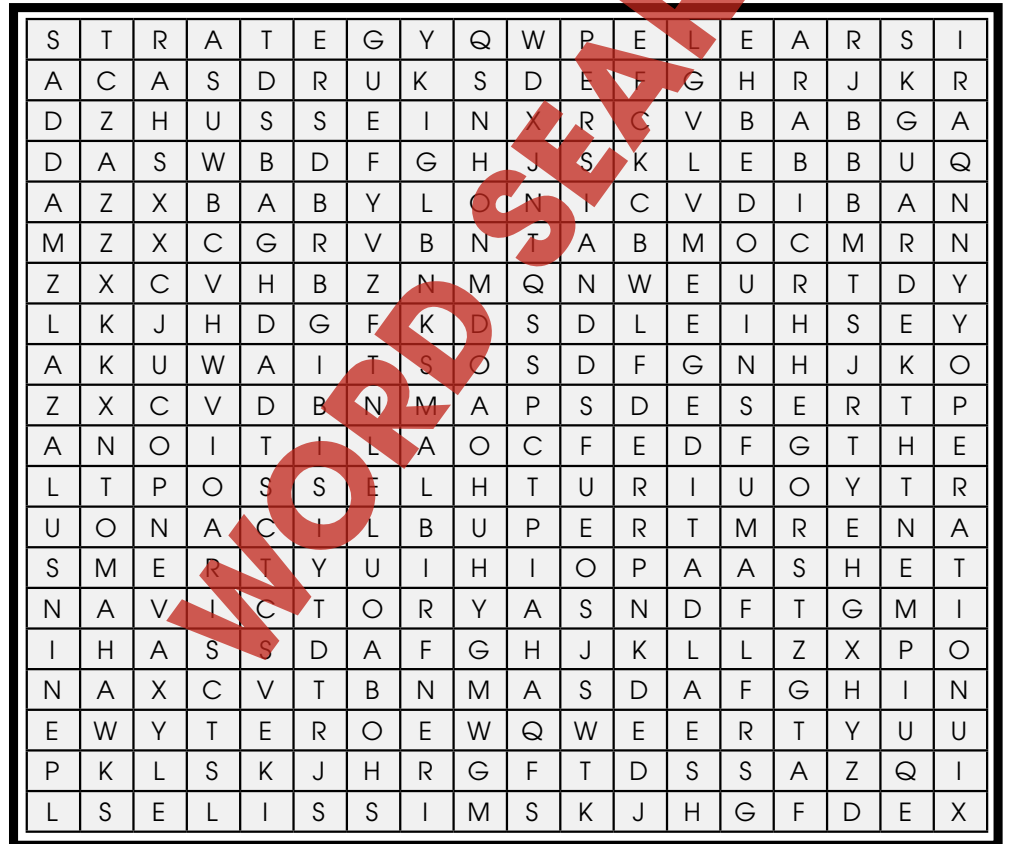
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1. Saddam's childhood house was made of mud and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Operation Desert \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Abbrev. Initials of President Hubert Humphrey.
4. A missile.
5. Stop \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Hussein.
8. Iraq invaded this nation.
9. Saddam's political party.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ Empire.
13. Large North American country.
15. A resource found in Iraq and Kuwait.
17. Missile fired into Israel during war.
19. A bank may \_\_\_\_\_ you money.
20. Usually it's 365 days long.
22. This animal may be found in the mountains of Iraq.

# Word Search

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

- Arabic
- desert
- Israel
- peninsula
- shield
- Babylon
- equipment
- Kurds
- Persian
- stealth
- Baghdad
- Euphrates
- Kuwait
- republican
- storm
- Bedouin
- guard
- missiles
- ruthless
- strategy
- coalition
- Hussein
- operation
- Saddam
- Tomahawk
- combat
- Iraq
- Ottoman
- Schwarzkopf
- victory



## Part C

# Comprehension Quiz

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. List two possible reasons as to why Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. 4  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the name of the nomadic people, many of whom live in the deserts of Iraq? 2  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Before the Persian Gulf War began the United States rushed thousands of troops and military equipment to the area. What did this operation become known as? 2  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do you think were two clear advantages the coalition forces had over the Iraqis in this war? 4  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was shocking to the coalition forces about how the ground war in Kuwait and Iraq went? 3  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Although the coalition forces won a clear victory over Iraq, what was disturbing to many people about the aftermath of the war? 4  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

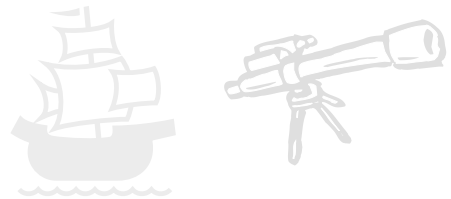
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# Oil Fires Persian Gulf Region, 1991



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After You Read 



## Life In Iraq



### 3. Answer each question with a complete sentence.

a) How have the Tigris and Euphrates rivers affected the land of Iraq?

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

b) What circumstances do you think might have hindered many Iraqis from realizing their dreams and ambitions?

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

### Research

# EASY MARKING

In the past **Baghdad**, the capital city of Iraq, was often described as *the jewel of the world*. In recent years, however, the city has fallen upon hard times. Do some further investigation into this great urban center. After compiling information as to its size, main industries, attractions, etc., prepare an advertisement which can be read over the radio to attract more tourists to this country. Remember: Baghdad has been the scene of a lot of violence during the past few years, so you may want to assure potential visitors that they will be safe and that their visit will be well worthwhile.

Try to make the presentation as appealing as possible. *You have your work cut out for you.*

3.

a) They provided water for farming.

b) Answers will vary. (i.e. War, religious persecution, ethnic violence, poverty)

1. Tigris, Euphrates

2. Moleh Tharthar

3. Zagros

4. a) Iran

b) Saudi Arabia, Kuwait

5. Syrian Desert

6. Damascus

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# ANSWER KEY