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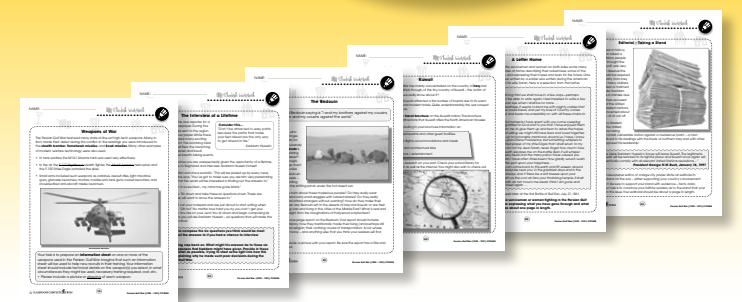
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Saddam Hussein



1. Match the words in the box below with the correct statement.

satisfied
turmoil

interrogator
abandon

security
assassinate

immense
overthrow

- | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|---|
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | Large, huge. | A |
| 2 | <input type="text"/> | Great commotion, confusion, or disturbance. | B |
| 3 | <input type="text"/> | To leave behind. | C |
| 4 | <input type="text"/> | To murder (especially a prominent person). | D |
| 5 | <input type="text"/> | One who questions another person. | E |
| 6 | <input type="text"/> | Protection against danger. | F |
| 7 | <input type="text"/> | To be content with what one is or has. | G |
| 8 | <input type="text"/> | To put an end to by force. | H |

2. Saddam Hussein was in the news for a number of years - often for the wrong reasons. What do you already know about this famous world leader?



Saddam Hussein



Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq with an iron fist from July 16, 1979 until he was finally overthrown in 2003. World leaders have compared him to Adolf Hitler and have called him a "monster" and a "man without pity". Yet who was this man who caused so much turmoil and bloodshed in the Middle East? What do we know about his background and his early life? How did such a "monster" rise to such power in one of the world's more important countries?



Saddam Hussein was born on April 28, 1937 in the Iraqi village of **Auja**, 100 miles north of Baghdad. His home was a simple hut made of mud and reeds. No family in Auja had electricity or running water at that time. When Saddam's father abandoned the family, his mother married a local peasant who treated young Saddam very cruelly. It wasn't until Saddam was ten years old, when he was sent to live with an uncle in Baghdad, that he finally started school. It was this uncle, Khayrallah Tulfah, who filled Saddam with a hatred of Western nations.

Do you think Saddam would have risen to such power if he had remained in Auja until he was an adult? Give a reason for your answer.



In 1957, when Saddam was 20 years old, he joined the **Baath Party**. The Baath Party was a political movement that hated Western countries like the United States and Great Britain. Within two years Saddam was involved in a failed plot to assassinate the leader of Iraq and had to flee for his life. When the Baath Party finally overthrew Iraq's government, Saddam returned and became their interrogator and torturer.



Saddam Hussein



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

- a) Although he became President of Iraq, Saddam Hussein was actually born in Egypt.
TRUE FALSE
- b) Saddam was born into a poor family who lived in a small village.
TRUE FALSE
- c) Saddam only started school when he went to live with his uncle in Baghdad.
TRUE FALSE
- d) Saddam's one goal was to live and work in the United States.
TRUE FALSE
- e) Soon after taking power, Saddam led his country into war with Syria.
TRUE FALSE
- f) After a bloody war with Iran, Saddam was faced with a rebellion by the Kurdish people of Iraq.
TRUE FALSE

2. From this biography of Saddam Hussein, briefly note five key events from his life and career in the order they happened.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Oil - From Ground to Family Car

Many believe that the Persian Gulf War would never have been fought if the region had no oil. Would Iraq have had a good enough reason to invade Kuwait without the lure of their neighbor's oil fields? Would the coalition forces have driven out the Iraqis if they hadn't felt that their source of oil was being threatened by Saddam Hussein and his army?



Oil is a tremendously important factor in the lives of North Americans and has been for almost one hundred years now. It heats our homes, powers our cars, and fuels our factories.

From our readings in this unit we know that under the sands of the Middle East (including the countries of Iraq and Kuwait) lies one of the world's great sources of crude oil. How, though, is this fuel retrieved from far below the earth and processed into a liquid that will power an automobile or heat a home?

Your task is to research the process whereby oil is extracted from the ground and then processed into a fuel that can run machinery. Explain it step-by-step in terms simple and clear enough so that your classmates will have no trouble understanding. A labeled diagram or two might be helpful.

Finally report your findings to the class.

"The use of solar energy has not been opened up because the oil industry does not own the sun."

~ Ralph Nader

NAME: _____

After You Read

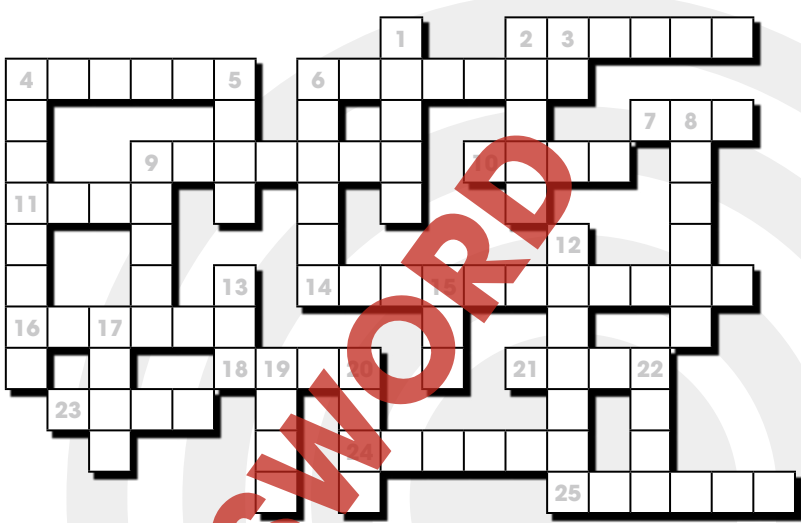


Crossword Puzzle!

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' _____.

Down

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.

NAME: _____

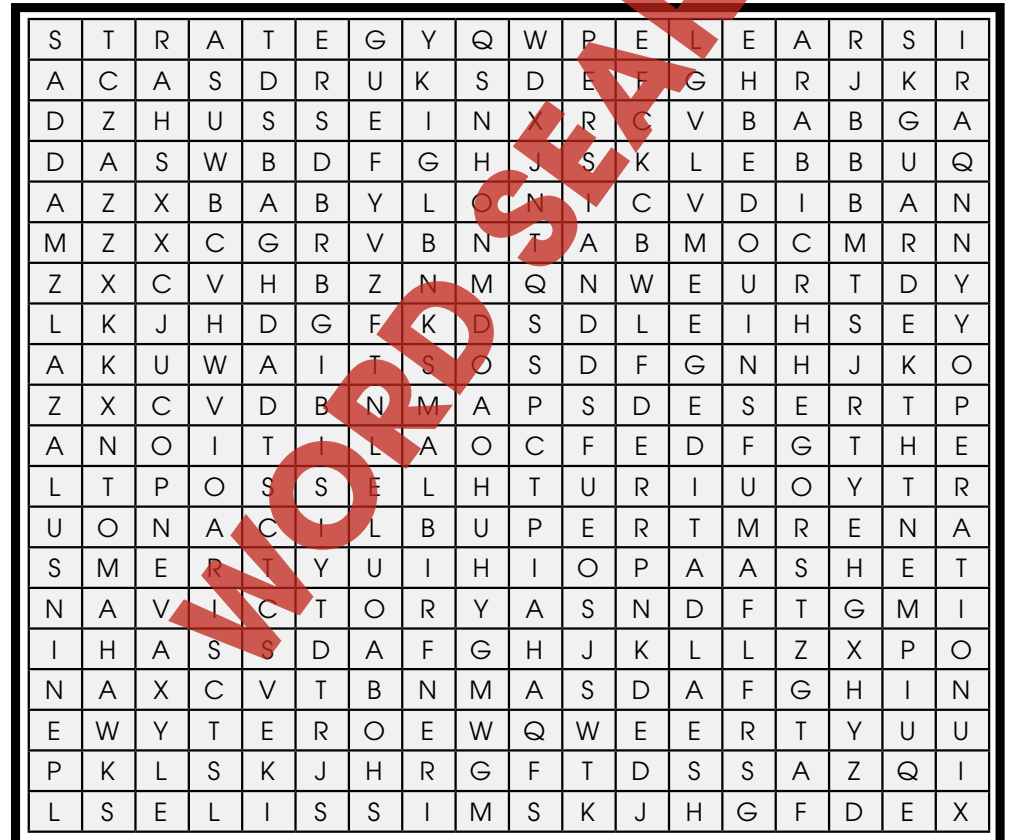
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Word Search

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



NAME: _____

After You Read



Comprehension Quiz

Part A

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

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

8

Part B

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

3

Korea Iran Ethiopia Kuwait Saudi Arabia Pakistan Iraq

SUBTOTAL: /11

Iraqi Weaponry Destroyed by Coalition Forces





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.



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

2. 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.)

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

4. a) What country borders Iraq to the east? _____

b) What countries border Iraq to the south? _____

5. What is the name of the desert that is located in the western area of Iraq?

6. Circle the city which is not located in Iraq.

- Baghdad
- Mosul
- Karbala
- Al Basrah
- Damascus

1. Tigris, Euphrates

2. Mileh Tharthar

3. Zagros

4. Persian Gulf
Saudi Arabia,
Kuwait

5. Syrian Desert

6. Damascus

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