






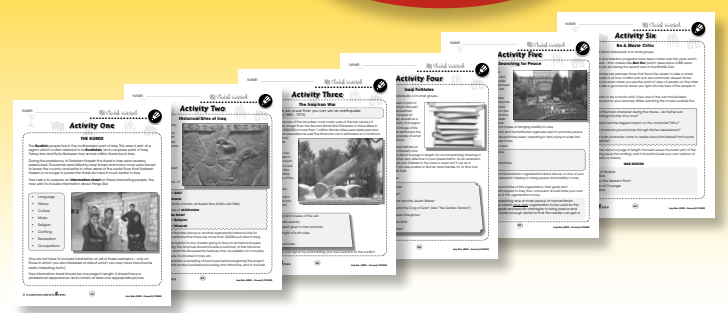
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Iraq - Desert, Oil and Saddam Hussein

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

- | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| unpredictable | Cultivation | minority | Ambition |
| asset | persecute | civilization | reserves |

- An _____ is a valuable item that is owned.
- A _____ is an advanced state of human society.
- A _____ is the opposite of a *majority*.
- To _____ is to harass or oppress because of religion, race, or beliefs.
- A country's _____ are items that are saved or set aside.
- _____ usually involves a desire for power, fame, wealth or honor.
- _____ is the act of raising or growing plants.
- If someone is _____, no one can be sure how they will act.

2. What comes into your mind when you hear the word *Iraq* or the phrase *Middle East*?



Iraq - Desert, Oil and Saddam Hussein

The geographical area in which the country of Iraq is located has been home to people and civilizations for countless generations. Some of the world's oldest civilizations and cities, in fact, were located in what is now Iraq. Only since 1921, however, has this land been known as "Iraq".



Euphrates River, Iraq

Iraq is located in southwest Asia and is the world's 58th largest country. It is roughly twice the size of the state of Kansas. Its population (about 27 million) is slightly larger than that of Texas. Although much of Iraq is sandy desert, it is blessed with the presence of two mighty rivers that run through the country - the **Tigris** and **Euphrates**. These rivers are major assets to farming in this region. As you might expect in a desert region, Iraq's summers are very hot - but its winters are quite cool - especially in the mountainous area to the north.

The **Arabic** people, for the most part, control Iraqi society. They make up about three-quarters of the population. Sixty percent of Iraq's population are Shiite Muslim Arabs. A minority, the Sunni Muslim Arabs, has been the group that has governed the country for most of the past 100 years. The Kurds are the third-largest group, are mostly located in the northeastern corner of the country, and for many years had been persecuted. They are also Sunni Muslims.

How might the presence of different ethnic groups and different Muslim sects spell trouble for Iraq?



Only about half of Iraq's very limited arable land is under cultivation. Nevertheless, many Iraqis make their living growing such crops as rice, corn, and dates. Many people in Iraq make their living in the **oil industry**. This is by far the most important industry in the country - and in the entire Middle East region. It is thought that Iraq has the second largest oil reserves in the world, buried under the sands of its deserts. It is this great wealth that has been the source of many of the terrible troubles that Iraq has gone through in the past thirty years - three major wars, and a number of bloody rebellions.



Iraq - Desert, Oil and Saddam Hussein

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

	Kurds	Sunnis	Baath	Iran
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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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The Moslem group that has governed Iraq for much of the last century.

One of Iraq's neighbors.

A people living in the mountainous region of northeastern Iraq.

The political party to which Saddam Hussein belonged.

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

a) Iraq is about twice the size of:

- A. Rhode Island
- B. Alaska
- C. California
- D. Kansas

b) The two rivers running through Iraq are:

- A. Tigris and Euphrates
- B. Tiger and Eucalyptus
- C. Telus and Utica
- D. none of the above

c) Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq from:

- A. 1956-2001
- B. 1987-1999
- C. 1979-2003
- D. 1978-2007



Post It on a Poster

For generations posters have been an effective way of publicizing events, advertising products, and making announcements. Posters have come a long way in the last hundred years. Early posters were only in black ink and rarely featured any artwork. Posters today are in full color and feature all kinds of imaginative, eye-catching graphics and fonts.



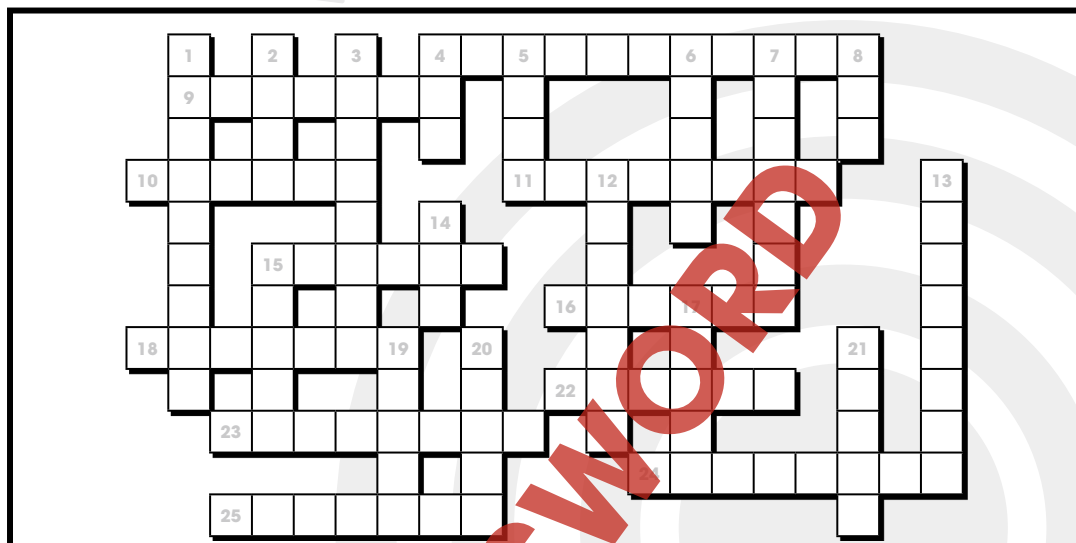
Your task is to create an imaginative, colorful and effective poster. The poster should in some way be tied in with our study of Iraq and its recent history. You may consider one of the following ideas, or come up with one of your own:

- A recruitment poster for an Iraqi company. Select or make up a company of your choice (perhaps in the oil industry, or in police services) and design a poster intended to attract workers to Iraq. You should probably note that while the pay and benefits are good, the risks may be quite high.
- A *Wanted Dead or Alive* poster for a war criminal (ex. Saddam Hussein before his capture, one of his lieutenants still at large, a terrorist, etc.).
- A poster whose purpose is to attract tourists to Iraq. The country still boasts many wonderful historical sites - and accommodations and meals are very reasonably priced.
- A poster advertising one of Iraq's historical sites (ex. Babylon, Saddam Hussein's Palace, etc.).

Be sure your poster is informative, attractive and colorful. It should feature enough information to make it useful. It should also include a picture.



Crossword Puzzle!

**Word List**

Blair	dictator	invasion	rotate
casualty	DNA	missiles	Scud
Clinton	end	net	security
contest	Franks	Operation	taste
cream	grin	Persian	trade
crown	Hussein	Poland	united
destruction	ignore	Putin	

Across

- Weapons of mass _____
- _____ Gulf War.
- Coalition commander General Tommy _____
- A ruler with absolute power.
- European country that was part of the coalition.
- Joined.
- Competition.
- To revolve or spin.
- Raid or incursion by another country.
- The act of defending.
- Saddam _____.

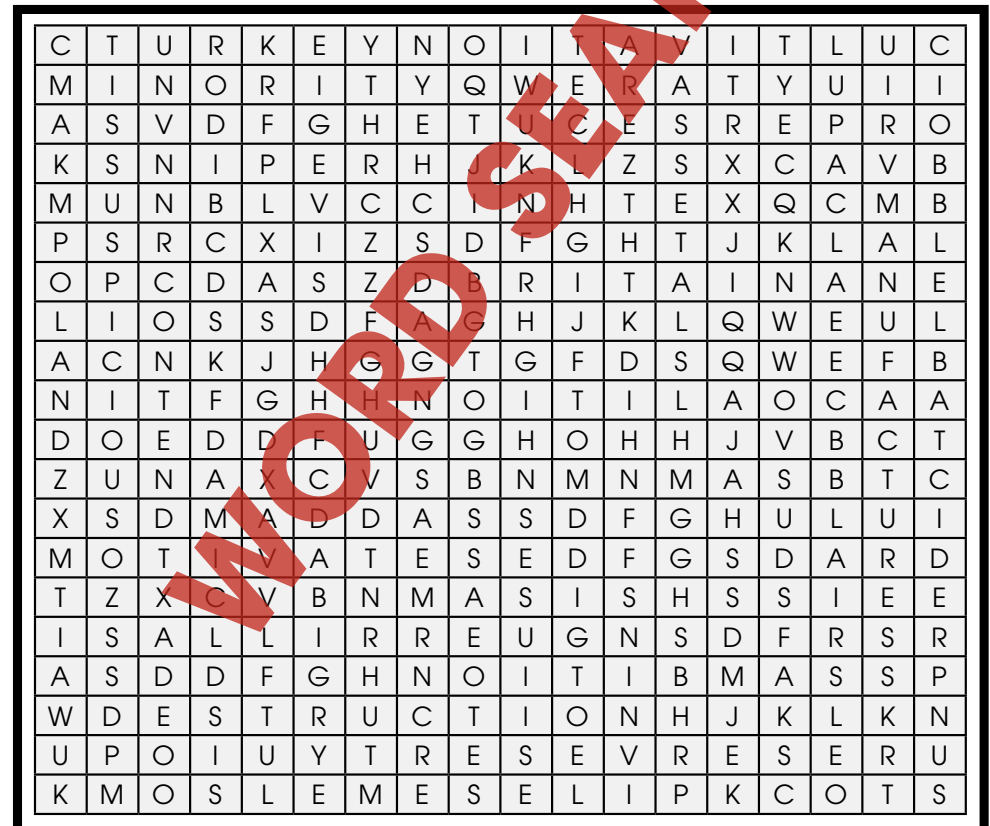
Down

- _____ Iraqi Freedom.
- Smile.
- Large weapons that are shot at a target.
- Abbreviation for *Deoxyribonucleic Acid*.
- A missile fired by Iraq in the Persian Gulf War.
- Ice _____.
- Not paid attention to.
- A tool used by fishermen.
- Former President Bill _____.
- One wounded or killed in battle.
- Final.
- Russian leader.
- Swap.
- A sense.
- Worn by a king or queen.
- Former Prime Minister of Great Britain.

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.

- 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.

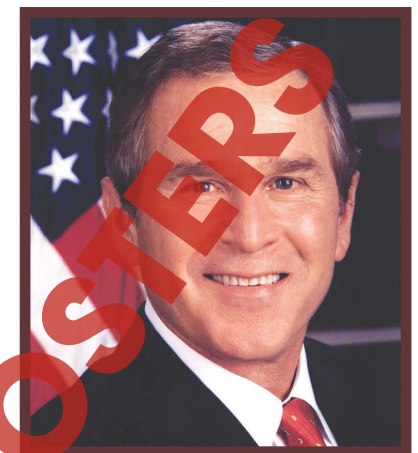
Canada Poland Australia France Russia Great Britain

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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: _____

After You Read 

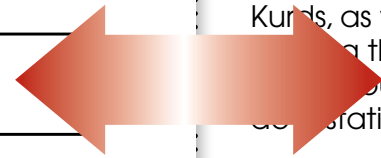


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3. Answer each question with a full sentence.

A) What troubles has the country of Iraq experienced during the past thirty years or so?

B) How do you think Saddam Hussein's rule might have added to Iraq's problems?



Research

EASY MARKING

The Middle East has been in the news almost daily for the last several years. Iraq, of course, is just one country of many making up this region of the world. Choose a nation from the list below and compile an **Information Sheet** on it. You may wish to include on the sheet information about the size of the country, its location, population, agricultural products, industry, etc. Your report should total about a half-page in length.

Saudi Arabia Kuwait Iran Israel Syria Jordan



3.

A) Wars with Iran and Kuwait and internal rebellions.

B) Answers will vary. (i.e. He showed favoritism to his own people and persecuted the Kurds, as well as ... the country ... couple of ... at war.)

1.

a) Smaller. (Alaska's area is 663,267 sq mi)

b) Turkey. Iraq has a population of about 27 million

2.

Europe

3.

Mosul, Arbil

4.

Iran, Caspian

5.

Iran
Jordan
Kuwait
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Turkey



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ANSWER KEY