






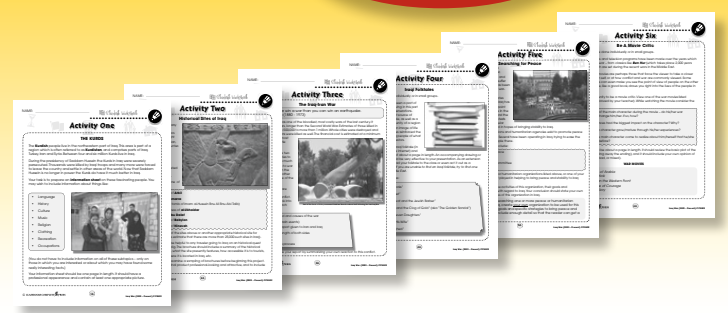
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World Terrorism



1. Using the words in the box, write each word beside its meaning.

stockpiles manufacture contend suspicious
motivate axis destruction ethnic

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|---|----------------------|--|
| A | <input type="text"/> | belonging to the cultural, racial, religious, or linguistic traditions of a people |
| B | <input type="text"/> | to struggle, dispute, compete |
| C | <input type="text"/> | to cause or prompt |
| D | <input type="text"/> | to suspect or distrust |
| E | <input type="text"/> | to make or produce |
| F | <input type="text"/> | to destroy or demolish |
| G | <input type="text"/> | a supply for future use |
| H | <input type="text"/> | an alliance of two or more nations |

2. In the upcoming chapter a character named Osama bin Laden is mentioned. What do you already know about this man?



World Terrorism



The Middle East area has long been a troubled region of the world. It is home to a number of different languages, ethnic groups and religions. For generations many of the countries and peoples there have been ill-treated by Western nations - even before the discovery of oil in the region. In some ways the discovery of oil has only added to the problems faced by the people living in this mostly desert region - they now have to face foreigners trying to take advantage of them, as well as rulers motivated by greed and personal ambition.



World Trade Center in New York City on 9/11

Although the world was no stranger to acts of terror, the events on September 11, 2001 made the entire world sit up and take notice. On that dark day two planes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York City, another into the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and a fourth plane was forced down in Pennsylvania. Two thousand nine hundred ninety-three people lost their lives, and an international terrorist organization known as **al-Qaeda** was deemed responsible.



How do you think these acts of terrorism contributed to America's decision to attack Iraq?

Ten years had passed between the end of **Persian Gulf War** (which ended in 1991) and the events of September 11, 2001. In those ten years the United Nations had ordered Iraq to get rid of its programs aimed at developing poisonous gases and nuclear bombs. United Nations inspectors had been sent to Iraq to check sites that looked suspicious, but the Iraqi government did not cooperate in the way the inspectors would have liked.

In 1998 US President Bill Clinton ordered a series of air strikes against targets where it was believed **weapons of mass destruction** were being made. After this, no inspections were conducted for four years, a fact that made the United States very uneasy. Was Iraq making an atomic bomb? At the time no one knew for sure.



World Terrorism



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

- a) The Middle East has been a relatively peaceful area of the world for centuries.
TRUE FALSE
- b) Altogether four planes were hijacked during the events of 9/11.
TRUE FALSE
- c) It is believed that Osama bin Laden masterminded the events of 9/11.
TRUE FALSE
- d) Despite the protests of the United Nations, no weapons inspectors were ever allowed into Iraq.
TRUE FALSE
- e) In 1998 President Bill Clinton ordered a series of air strikes on Iraq.
TRUE FALSE
- f) It is believed that Osama bin Laden's headquarters was in Afghanistan.
TRUE FALSE

2. What were the two main reasons given by President George W. Bush for invading Iraq?



A Poet's Soul

The poet doesn't invent. He listens.

- Jean Cocteau

Many songs and poems have been written over the years describing both the horrors of war and the reasons why people will lay down their lives for a just cause. One very famous song from the American Civil War of the 1860s was written by Frederick Root, called "Just Before the Battle, Mother," which spoke of the sacrifice that many soldiers were willing to make for a cause they believed in. Here is a portion of the lyrics:

Just before the battle, mother,
I am thinking most of you,
While upon the field we're watching
With the enemy in view.
Comrades brave are 'round me lying,
Filled with thoughts of home and God
For well they know that on the morrow,
Some will sleep beneath the sod.

CHORUS:

Farewell, mother, you may never
Press me to your breast again,
But oh, you'll not forget me, mother,
If I'm numbered with the slain.

Hark! I hear the bugles sounding,
'Tis the signal for the fight,
Now, may God protect us, mother,
As He ever does the right.
Hear the "Battle-Cry of Freedom,"
How it swells upon the air,
Oh, yes, we'll rally 'round the standard,
Or we'll perish nobly there.

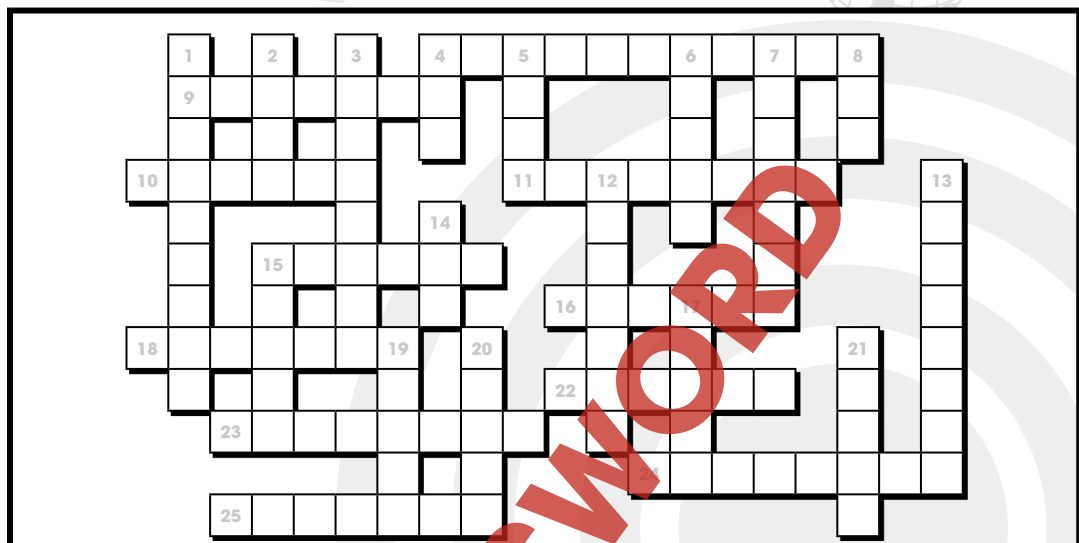
You have the choice of one of the following two tasks.

TASK A. Find a poem or set of lyrics with a "war" theme. It can be a protest song (i.e. "Blowing in the Wind" by Bob Dylan), or a poem or song that speaks of the horrors or the glory of battle. Copy the lyrics onto a sheet of paper and write a paragraph describing your reaction to the song / poem.

TASK B. Write your own poem expressing your feelings on war, or one which tells a story about someone's experiences in wartime.



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 _____.

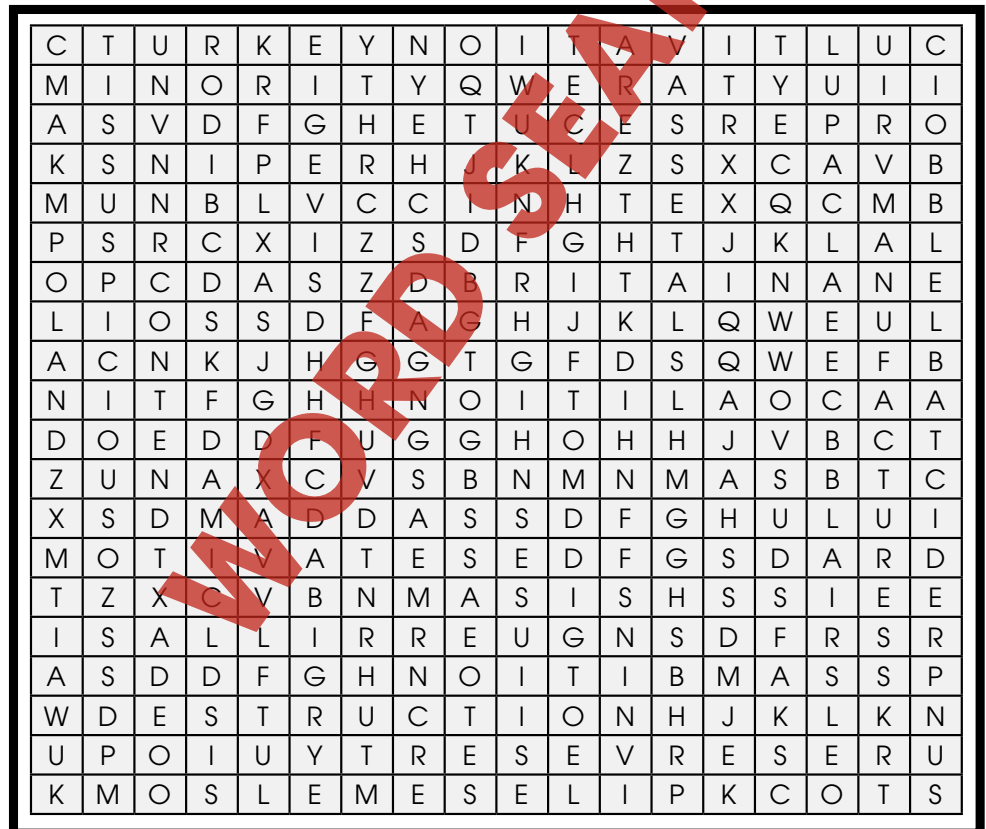
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- _____ Iraqi Freedom.
- Smile.
- Large weapons that are shot at a target.
- Abbreviation for *Deoxyribonucleic Acid*.
- A missile fired by Iraq in the Persian Gulf War.
- Ice _____.
- Not paid attention to.
- A tool used by fishermen.
- Former President 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

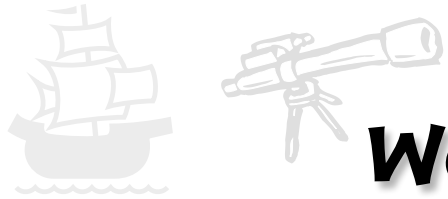
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U.S. Troops on Patrol Iraq, 2007



NAME: _____

After You Read 



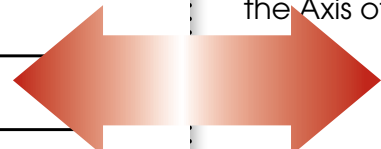
World Terrorism



3. Answer each question with a complete sentence.

a) Why were some countries (like France and Germany) not so sure that the Americans should have invaded Iraq when they did?

b) President Bush called Iraq and two other countries an "axis of evil". Which two other countries did he include in this description, and what do you think he meant by this statement?



Research

George W. Bush

Not many presidents of the United States could make the claim that their father was also a former president. President George W. Bush could make that claim. His father, George H.W. Bush was president from 1989-1993. George W. Bush became president in 2001 and served until 2009. His presidency will be remembered for the events of 9/11 and the Iraq War.

Your task is to write a brief biography of **President George W. Bush**. Be sure to include important facts regarding his personal and public life and his accomplishments as president.

Your report should be about a half-page in length.

3.

a) They wanted the weapons inspectors to have more time.

b) Iran and North Korea. Answers will vary. (i.e. He was making a comparison with the Axis of WW2.)

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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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY