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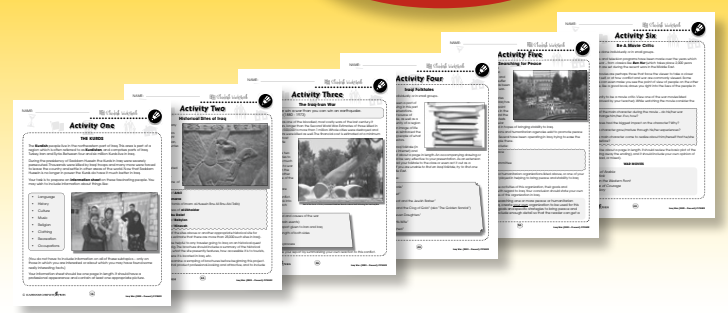
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Last Moves



1. Imagine that you are an Iraqi citizen at the time that the American forces are preparing to invade your country. Describe how you might feel and what preparations you would make for such an event.

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

1	conflict	all right, satisfactory, tolerable	A
2	aftermath	an alliance	B
3	acceptable	something that results or follows from an event	C
4	personnel	entrance to take possession or overrun	D
5	invasion	a person that is harmed or killed as a result of some act or event (often in wartime)	E
6	coalition	fight, battle or disagreement	F
7	casualty	a body of persons employed in an organization	G



Last Moves



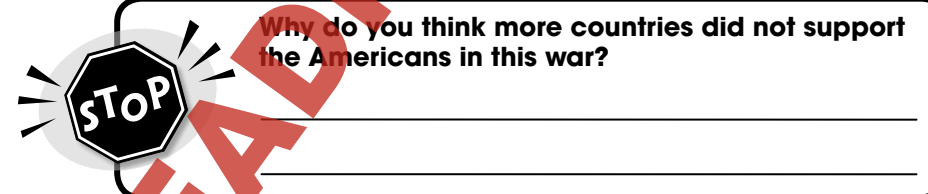
The main ally of the United States during this crisis was **Great Britain**. During the difficult days of the war and its aftermath, Britain and its Prime Minister Tony Blair worked hand-in-hand with the Americans.



Tony Blair

The military leaders of the United States asked the leadership of the country of **Turkey** for permission to launch attacks against Iraq from their territory. Turkey had long been an ally of the United States, and as a Moslem country, the Americans believed that involving Turkey would make the attack on Iraq more acceptable to other Moslem countries in the region. However, Turkey refused to give their permission, and the United States was forced to use Kuwait as the place from which they would launch the invasion.

Even though the United States and Britain did not have the complete support of the United Nations, they began gathering together a coalition force in Kuwait. The United Nations urged the Americans to give the weapons inspectors more time to complete their work in Iraq. By then the American military force in Kuwait numbered nearly 250,000 personnel. There were also about 45,000 British personnel, 2,000 Australian troops, 1,300 Spanish soldiers, 500 Danish soldiers and 200 Polish soldiers. Pressing on the coalition military leaders was the fact that if they were going to invade Iraq they would have to do it before the summer weather got too hot. Temperatures in Iraq can soar to more than 120°F (50°C) in the summer.



On March 19, 2003 the United States launched an air strike in an effort to kill Saddam Hussein. The Americans believed that Hussein was attending a meeting in a bunker just outside Baghdad. It turned out, though, that there was no bunker in this location, and a number of civilian casualties resulted from the bombardment.

The next day, on March 20th, the invasion of Iraq, codenamed **Operation Iraqi Freedom**, and led by General Tommy Franks, had begun.



Last Moves



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

- a) The main ally of the United States at the time was France.
TRUE FALSE
- b) The Prime Minister of Great Britain in 2003 was Tony Blair.
TRUE FALSE
- c) The United States asked Syria if they could use their country to attack Iraq from.
TRUE FALSE
- d) The United States was grateful for the full support of the United Nations Security Council.
TRUE FALSE
- e) The Americans comprised more than three-quarters of the total coalition forces at the start of the war. (Get out your calculators!)
TRUE FALSE

2. Number the events from 1 to 5 in the order they happened.

- a) A coalition force of nearly 300,000 armed forces personnel gathers in Kuwait.
- b) As war looms, Great Britain is the biggest supporter of the U.S.
- c) Operation Iraqi Freedom begins on March 20, 2003.
- d) An air strike to kill Saddam Hussein is launched, but fails.
- e) The U.S. asks Turkey if they could use their country to attack Iraq from.



Artistic Flair



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

A. A Comic Strip

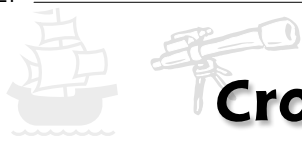
This activity is especially for students with an artistic flair or who love comic books! Your topic can be the Iraq War in general, or you may choose to focus on one aspect of it (i.e. the life of Saddam Hussein). The first step is to decide on the length of your comic strip (6 to 12 frames is suggested). 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

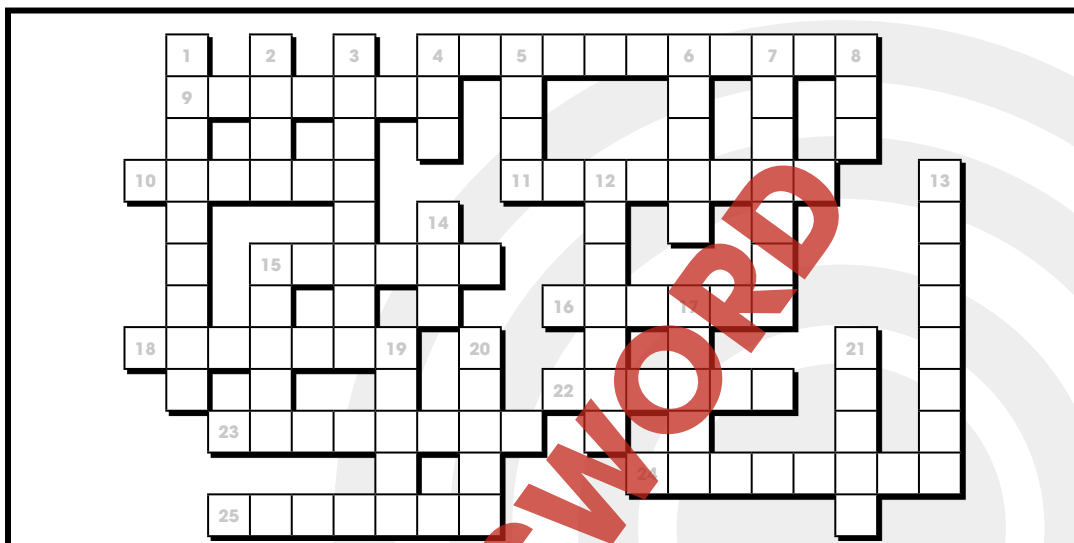
Do either a detailed picture or a diorama of some aspect of the Iraq War. Possible subjects *might* include an oil well; Saddam Hussein's palace or military bunker in Baghdad; a weapon of war; one of the coalition military personnel in uniform.

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.



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

4. Weapons of mass _____
9. _____ Gulf War.
10. Coalition commander General Tommy _____
11. A ruler with absolute power.
15. European country that was part of the coalition.
16. Joined.
18. Competition.
22. To revolve or spin.
23. Raid or incursion by another country.
24. The act of defending.
25. Saddam _____.

Down

1. _____ Iraqi Freedom.
2. Smile.
3. Large weapons that are shot at a target.
4. Abbreviation for *Deoxyribonucleic Acid*.
5. A missile fired by Iraq in the Persian Gulf War.
6. Ice _____.
7. Not paid attention to.
8. A tool used by fishermen.
12. Former President Bill _____.
13. One wounded or killed in battle.
14. Final.
15. Russian leader.
17. Swap.
19. A sense.
20. Worn by a king or queen.
21. Former Prime Minister of Great Britain.

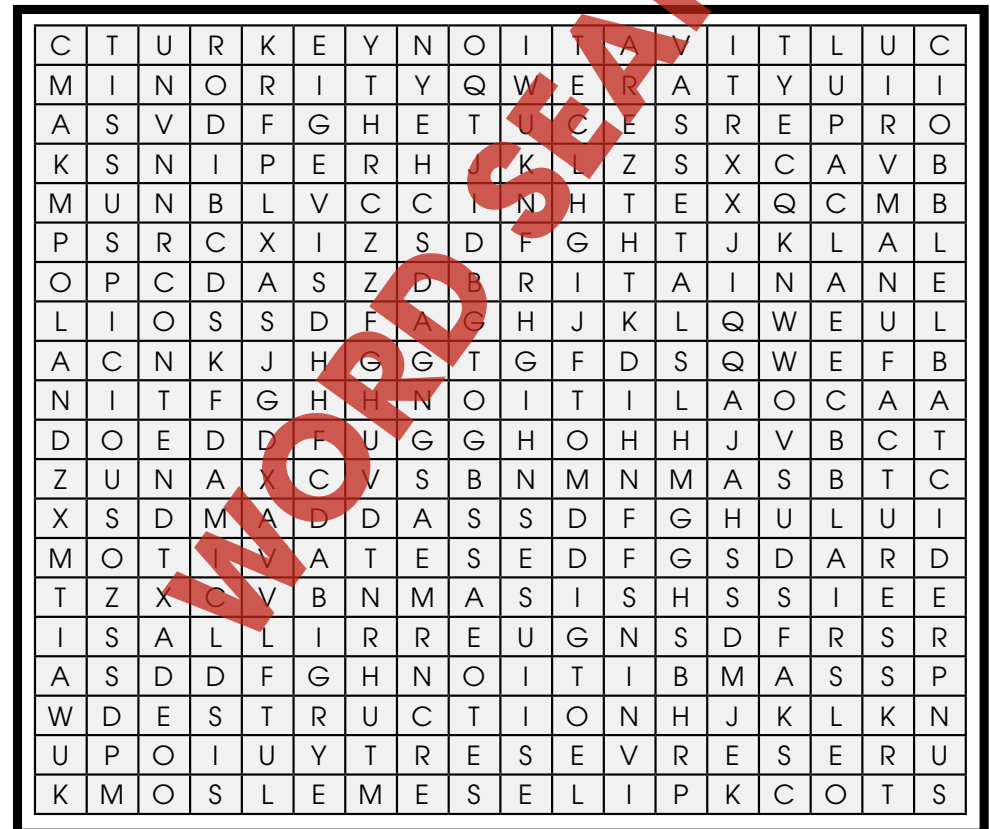


Word Search



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 |



Part C Comprehension Quiz

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What were the two main reasons President Bush gave for invading Iraq? 4

2. The **Republican Guard** was a concern to the coalition forces. Explain why. 2

3. Why did some countries not support America's decision to invade Iraq? 2

4. What immediate problem developed in cities such as Baghdad after the fall of Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi government? 4

5. What was the "shock and awe" campaign? 3

6. Describe why it has been so difficult for coalition forces stationed in Iraq since the war ended? 4

SUBTOTAL: /19

Protests in the U.S. Against the War





After You Read

NAME: _____



Last Moves



3. Answer each question with a complete sentence.

a) Why did the United Nations Security Council not want the coalition forces to take action against Iraq?

b) Why do you think hot weather would be a problem for the military?

c) What do you think the Americans hoped might happen if they were able to kill Saddam Hussein before launching the invasion?

EASY MARKING

Research

The reading mentions that the commander of the coalition forces was **General Tommy Franks**, the head of U.S. Central Command. Using resources in your school library or on the internet, find out more about this man. Record at least five important details about his life and career. You may wish to record personal data, or information on his military career – or a mix of the two.

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

3.

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

b) The extreme heat is hard on personnel and equipment.

c) Answers will vary. (Perhaps the Iraqis would no longer want to fight.)

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

10

12

EZY