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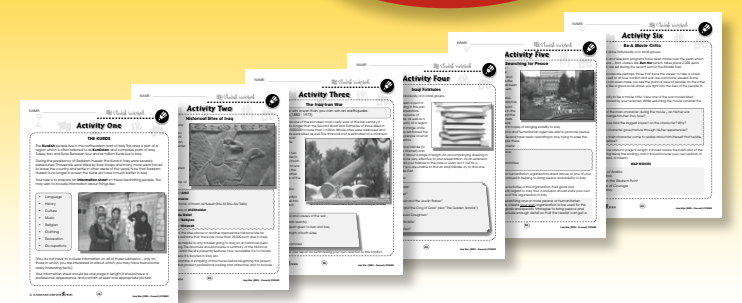
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# The Fall Of Baghdad



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

outskirts      desperate      protective      parachuted  
discouraged      elite      retreat      interior

- a) The Iraqi army began to \_\_\_\_\_ as the coalition forces approached the city.
- b) The Republican Guard divisions were the \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers in Saddam Hussein's army.
- c) My parents bought a house on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Chicago.
- d) I think she was very \_\_\_\_\_ after losing her fifth straight tennis match.
- e) The soldiers were required to wear \_\_\_\_\_ suits when entering the lab.
- f) After being locked in the hot building all day, my cat became so \_\_\_\_\_ that she began to drink from the toilet.
- g) After checking the outside of the apartment building, the inspectors moved into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- h) The 14th Airborne Division \_\_\_\_\_ into the mountains surrounding the city.

2. Albert Einstein once said about war: "I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones." What do you think the great scientist meant?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# The Fall of Baghdad



The commanders of the coalition forces thought that the Iraqi army's strategy would be to keep on retreating before making a final desperate stand in Baghdad - Iraq's capital city and Saddam Hussein's headquarters. Six divisions of the elite Iraqi **Republican Guard** were stationed on the outskirts of Baghdad (a **division** usually contains between ten and twenty thousand soldiers). Another division of Republican Guard was stationed on the interior of the city.



As the coalition forces closed in on Baghdad the fear grew that Saddam Hussein might use chemical or biological weapons. Vaccinations against smallpox and anthrax were given to the coalition soldiers, and many were given protective suits to wear.

It turned out that Saddam Hussein and his army commanders had a different strategy in mind. Instead of using the famed Republican Guard, **paramilitary units** from the southern part of the country were put into battle (a paramilitary unit refers to a group of civilians trained and organized in a military fashion). In addition to the danger these units posed to the coalition armies, the presence of these paramilitary units in the southern part of the country also discouraged local people from welcoming the coalition forces. It therefore became necessary for the Americans and their allies to defeat these paramilitary units before continuing on to Baghdad. British forces led an operation in southern Iraq in the city of Basra, taking control of the city after a fight with Iraqi military and paramilitary forces.

**STOP** Why do you think Saddam Hussein used this strategy instead of attacking with his Republican Guard?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

It was also important for coalition forces to take control of the northern part of the country. The **Kurds**, who lived in this area, had already promised the Americans support for the invasion. Over 1,000 American soldiers parachuted into this region and captured an important airfield. This then allowed the coalition forces to fly in tanks and other weapons for use in the north. Kurdish and coalition forces were then able to capture **Mosul**, the largest city in northern Iraq.

In early April, only a couple of weeks after the start of the war, coalition forces approached Baghdad and seized the airport. Hussein's grip on power was gone. The beginning of the end was now in sight.



# The Fall of Baghdad



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

- a) The commanders of the coalition forces thought the Iraqi army would make a final stand at Baghdad.  
**TRUE      FALSE**
- b) Iraq's elite army divisions were known as the *Republican Guard*.  
**TRUE      FALSE**
- c) A division in the army usually contains between one and two thousand soldiers.  
**TRUE      FALSE**
- d) The coalition forces were worried that Saddam Hussein might use biological weapons against them.  
**TRUE      FALSE**
- e) A paramilitary unit is one that is composed entirely of paratroopers.  
**TRUE      FALSE**
- f) The Kurds in the north had promised to fight with the coalition armies.  
**TRUE      FALSE**

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

- a) The largest city in northern Iraq is:
  - A. Schwarzkopf
  - B. Mosul
  - C. Damascus
  - D. Kenogami
- b) Saddam Hussein's headquarters was in:
  - A. Mosul
  - B. Washington D.C.
  - C. Baghdad
  - D. he didn't have a headquarters



# Where in the World...

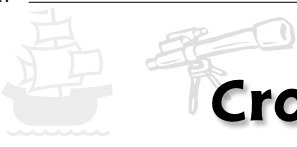
A number of countries were mentioned in this study. For this activity you will probably need a few good resources (maybe an atlas, an almanac, an encyclopedia, the internet). This exercise is meant to be fun and to increase your general knowledge of the Middle East.



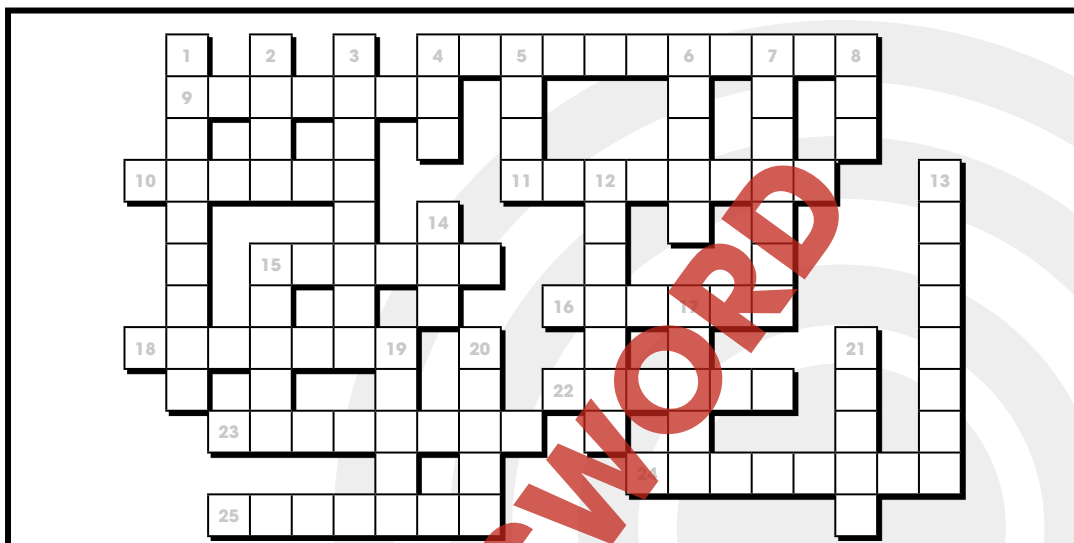
- 1. a) Lesson Four mentions that the coalition forces wanted to launch their attack from **Turkey**. Turkey has an area of 302,535 square miles (783,562 square kilometers). Is Turkey larger or smaller than the state of Alaska?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b) **Turkey** has a population of approximately 72 million people. How does this compare to Iraq? Which country has the greater population?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **Poland** was mentioned as a country that contributed soldiers to the coalition army. Poland is not a country of the Middle East. Which continent is Poland located on?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Iraq's capital city **Baghdad** has a population of almost six million people. Circle the two other Iraqi cities below which have a population of over one million.

**Al-Kut      Arbil      Al-'Amarah      Mosul      As-Samawah**

- 4. Iraq was locked in a long, bloody war with its neighbor, Iran.
  - Which country is larger, Iraq or Iran? \_\_\_\_\_
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ Sea is located to the north of Iran.
- 5. What six countries border Iraq?  
\_\_\_\_\_



# 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.

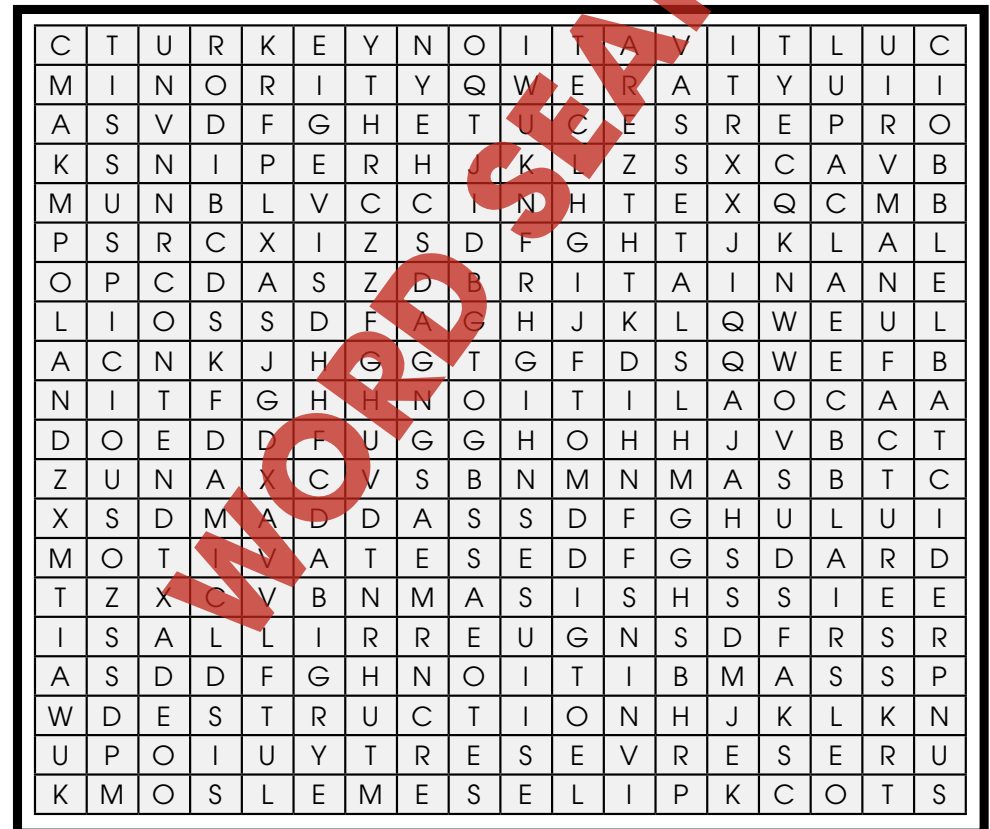


# Word Search



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 |



# Comprehension Quiz

**Part C**

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**

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# The Fall of Baghdad



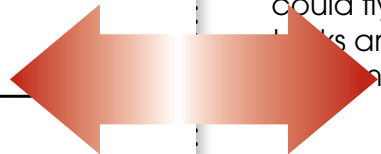
### 3. Answer each question with a complete sentence.

a) How did the use of Iraqi paramilitary units in the south complicate the plans of the coalition forces?

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

b) Why were the American soldiers parachuted into northern Iraq?

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



3.

a) It delayed the coalition forces' advancement on Baghdad.

1.

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

2.

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

Europe

3.

Mosul, Arbil

4.

Iran, Caspian

5.

Iran  
Jordan  
Kuwait  
Saudi Arabia  
Syria  
Turkey

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# EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

## Research

Saddam Hussein relied to a great extent on members of the **Republican Guard** to defend himself and his regime from the invading forces. Research and record several facts about the Republican Guard that you consider interesting and important. Your report should be about a half-page in length.