






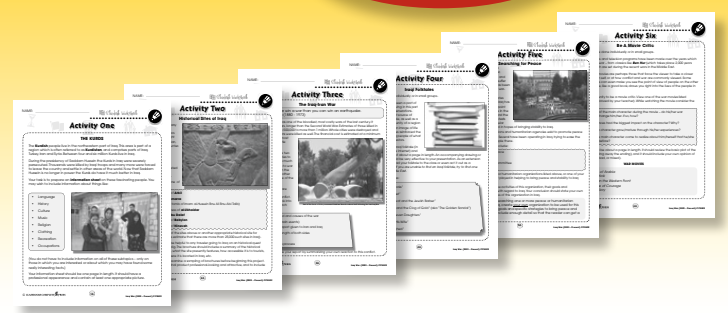
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1. The expression '**orn up**' can refer to an emotional state of someone very upset or in real distress. Write a sentence using the expression 'orn up'.

2. **Synonyms** are words with similar meanings. Use the context of the sentences below to help you choose the best synonym for the underlined word in each sentence. If you need help, consult a dictionary.

- a) Statistics don't give the total picture of what happens in combat.
 A. numbers B. newspapers C. reporters D. correspondents
- b) No one expected the suitcase to detonate.
 A. leave B. explode C. circulate D. age
- c) My cousin was trained as a sniper in the war.
 A. driver B. cook C. marksman D. artillery operator
- d) Dr. Jones raises stallions at his ranch in Kansas.
 A. bison B. billy goats C. yaks D. horses
- e) No one expected her to react the way she did.
 A. curtsy B. scream C. flinch D. respond
- f) I think he expected it to be a memorable occasion.
 A. party B. event C. convention D. conference



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The Iraq War changed the lives of thousands of people – not only Iraqis, but Americans, British, Australians, and Poles. It changed forever the lives of many soldiers who went to war in Iraq – and also the wives, children, and parents who stayed behind.



Since the war began in 2003, over 4,500 American and coalition soldiers have died in combat in Iraq. In addition, there have been approximately 30,000 wounded.

What do these cold, hard figures mean though? What do they mean to the families of the soldiers who died or were badly wounded? Here are just three soldiers who gave their lives in the Iraq conflict:

- **Sgt Mark P. Adams:** 24 years old, killed when a homemade bomb detonated during combat operations against enemy forces in Saqlawiyah, Iraq
- **Capt. Paul C. Alaniz:** 32 years old, died when the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter he was in crashed near Ar Rubbah in western Iraq
- **2nd Lt. Tracy Lynn Alger:** 30 years old, died of wounds suffered when a roadside bomb detonated near her vehicle in Shubayshen, Iraq

Tracy Alger was one of many female military personnel to fight in Iraq. Why do you think women weren't allowed into combat situations in most other wars historically?



What is it like to lose a loved one in a war? Soldier Timothy VanDruff lost his stepson, Lucas, to a sniper in Iraq. Here are Timothy's thoughts as he flew home to tell his wife the news: "The flight from California to Kansas City was rough because I did not know how I was going to react when I saw my wife, knowing she was torn up because she had just lost her son. We had just lost our son. I have never been that sad before. You expect to go home and it be a happy occasion. This time, it wasn't."

Thousands of people across the United States, Iraq and many other countries have had to face such terrible feelings of grief after losing a loved one in Iraq. Was it all worth it? Now that the war in Iraq has officially ended, how many of the families who lost loved ones in the conflict would agree as to whether the war's terrible cost was worth the price of peace?



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

- a) Since the war began in 2003, how many Americans and coalition have died in Iraq?
 A. over 4,500
 B. over 10,000
 C. over 20,500
 D. over 100,000
- b) How was Sergeant Adams killed?
 A. a vehicle accident
 B. by a sniper
 C. by 'friendly fire'
 D. by a homemade bomb
- c) In the first paragraph of this chapter four coalition countries are mentioned. Which of the following countries was not a member of the coalition?
 A. Poland
 B. Australia
 C. Canada
 D. Great Britain
- d) How many American and coalition soldiers were wounded in Iraq?
 A. 3,000
 B. 30,000
 C. 300,000
 D. None
- e) In what city did Timothy VanDruff's wife live?
 A. Kansas City
 B. Topeka
 C. New York City
 D. Los Angeles



Artistic Flair

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

A. A Comic Strip

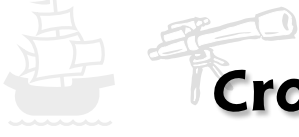
This activity is especially for students with an artistic flair or who love comic books! Your topic can be the Iraq War in general, or you may choose to focus on one aspect of it (i.e. the life of Saddam Hussein). The first step is to decide on the length of your comic strip (6 to 12 frames is suggested).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

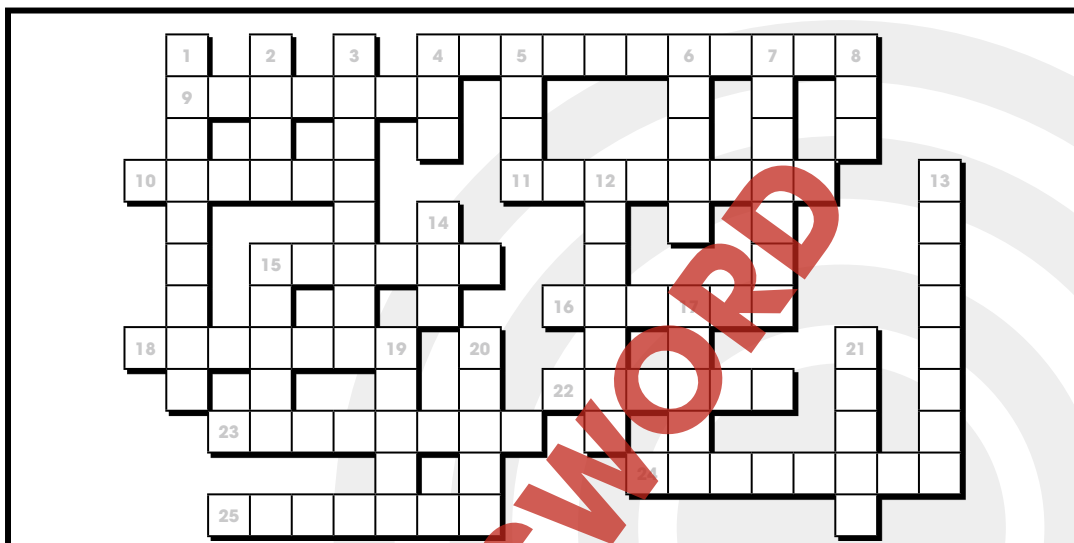
Do either a detailed picture or a diorama of some aspect of the Iraq War. Possible subjects *might* include an oil well; Saddam Hussein's palace or military bunker in Baghdad; a weapon of war; one of the coalition military personnel in uniform.

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

- 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.

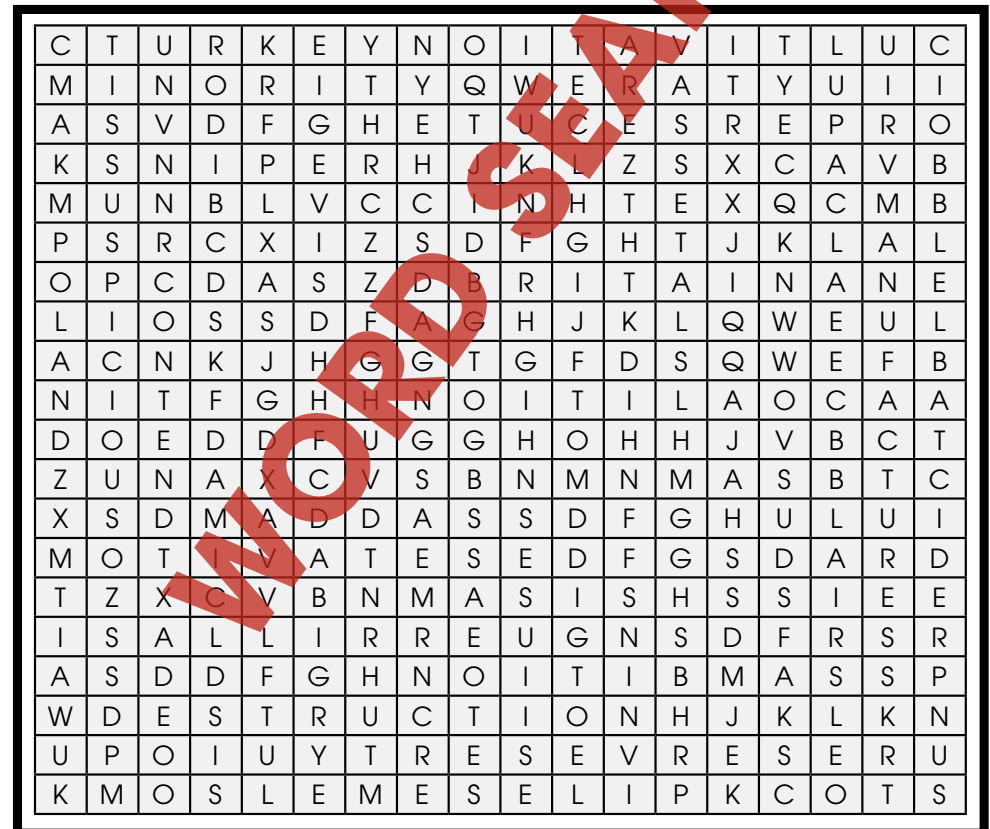


Word Search



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 |



Part C

Comprehension Quiz

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

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

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

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

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

- What was the "shock and awe" campaign? 3

- 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





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2. Answer each question with complete sentences.

a) What lessons do you think the coalition countries may have learned from their experiences in Iraq?

b) "A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it."
- Oscar Wilde

What do you think about this quote from Oscar Wilde? Why might the soldiers who died in Iraq have been willing to give their lives for this cause?

EASY MARKING

Research

Pat Tillman was a professional football player who volunteered for service in the Iraq War. Unfortunately he was later killed in a 'friendly fire' incident in Afghanistan. His sacrifice made a great impression on many people, and he is remembered as a hero today.

Investigate the life of Pat Tillman using either your school library or the internet. Find out at least five interesting facts about him and prepare a report of at least a half-page in length.

2.
a) Answers will vary

b) Answers will vary

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

