

# Persian Gulf War Notes

## U.S. Presence

- The United States has great interest in maintaining stability in Southwest Asia to safeguard the \_\_\_\_\_ and to combat \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Beginning in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, the US has had a \_\_\_\_\_ in this area of the world.

## Kuwait

- In 1920, the country of \_\_\_\_\_.
- As a result, Iraq lost its access to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Iraq's dictator, wanted to get this access back and to acquire access to Kuwait's many oil fields.
- Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Desert Storm

- In order to survive the attack, the small country of Kuwait knew it would \_\_\_\_\_.
- The US was concerned about this invasion, as a lot of the \_\_\_\_\_ came from Kuwait & Saudi Arabia.
- In January 1991, the United States and a group of other countries started "Operation Desert Storm", a military \_\_\_\_\_.
- The coalition employed missile attacks and used ground forces to quickly drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in \_\_\_\_\_.
- By February of 1991, the Iraqi government \_\_\_\_\_ and withdrew from Kuwait.
- Iraq left, but not before Saddam Hussein had his soldiers set nearly 1,000 \_\_\_\_\_, causing immense environmental damage.
- Both Iraq and Kuwait were \_\_\_\_\_ during the war.

## UN Embargo

- When Iraq invaded Kuwait, the United Nations \_\_\_\_\_ that prevented Iraq from exporting oil or importing goods.
- The UN would not lift the embargo until Iraq destroyed its \_\_\_\_\_ and promised to stop making nuclear weapons.
- This process began in 1991, and when the UN inspection team left in 1998, there was speculation that \_\_\_\_\_ had actually been destroyed.

# Invasion of Iraq Notes

## Iraq

- After the UN inspection team left, many Americans believed that Hussein was hiding \_\_\_\_\_ (WMDs) throughout the country, as well as providing aid to \_\_\_\_\_.
- In March of 2003, the United States, Great Britain, Australia, & other countries launched a military invasion of Iraq called “\_\_\_\_\_”.

## Results

- Saddam Hussein’s \_\_\_\_\_, and the military operation was over in less than two months.
- \_\_\_\_\_ were ever found.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, Hussein was captured, tried, and sentenced to death.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in December 2006.

## Iraq Today

- Rebuilding Iraq after the invasion \_\_\_\_\_.
- In 2005, Iraqi citizens took part in free elections to establish a new \_\_\_\_\_.
- U.S. forces remained in Iraq until the new Iraqi government was \_\_\_\_\_.
- In December 2011, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Unfortunately, there is still conflict in Iraq today, as the \_\_\_\_\_ are fighting one another for power of the country.

# Invasion of Afghanistan Notes

## Bin Laden

- In 1996, the Taliban (an \_\_\_\_\_) established power in Afghanistan.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ was thought to be harboring Osama bin Laden's terrorist group al-Qaeda, whose goal was to bring an \_\_\_\_\_ in the Middle East.
- The U.S. government identified bin Laden as the most likely suspect responsible for the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 attacks on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Pentagon.

## 9/11

- On September 11, 2001, al-Qaeda \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.
- The terrorists \_\_\_\_\_ into the World Trade Center in New York City.
- Another airplane crashed into the \_\_\_\_\_, just outside of Washington, DC.
- The fourth plane was intended to \_\_\_\_\_, but crashed in rural Pennsylvania.
- Over \_\_\_\_\_ in these attacks.

## US Invasion

- Sources in the U.S. government believed that the Taliban was allowing Bin Laden and his \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains of Afghanistan.
- On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001, U.S. troops entered Afghanistan to \_\_\_\_\_ and locate bin Laden.

## Democracy

- After launching a series of attacks, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The U.S. helped form a new \_\_\_\_\_ in Afghanistan.
- Efforts to locate bin Laden failed, and he went into hiding for the next \_\_\_\_\_.

## The End

- On \_\_\_\_\_, at 1:00 am, Navy SEALs raided Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan.
- Bin Laden was shot and \_\_\_\_\_.
- His body was taken to Afghanistan for identification, then \_\_\_\_\_ within 24 hours.
- According to U.S. officials, bin Laden was buried at sea because \_\_\_\_\_ would accept his remains.