**Iraq – The Gulf War**

* Iraq has a long history of internal and external conflicts. During the cold war, the U.S. and Soviet Union competed for influence in the oil-rich \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Before 1958, Iraq favored ties with the U.S.
* However, the Monarchy in Iraq was overthrown in 1958, and in the years that followed, Iraq began to favor ties with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Saddam Hussein**

* –In 1979, Saddam Hussein Seized power in Iraq and ruled a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* –In 1980, a revolution occurred in Iran. Taking advantage of the turmoil. Saddam seized control of a disputed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ region. This led to a prolonged war.
* •During the War Saddam unleashed chemical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Kurdish civilians, killing several thousand people. Many accused him of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Gulf War**

•In 1990, Iraq (Saddam Hussein) invaded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to control its vast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fields and gain greater access to the Persian Gulf.

•The U.S. saw this move as illegal and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the oil resources in the Persian Gulf region.

•President George H.W. Bush formed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Western and Middle Eastern nations to drive Iraq out of Kuwait in 1991.

•Operating under the UN, the U.S. led coalition quickly liberated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and crushed Iraqi forces.

•Despite Defeat, Saddam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remained in power. Though out Iraq he was continuing to use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , terror, and execution to impose his will.

**Saddam Violates Sanctions**

•The U.S., France, and Britain tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Iraq in any way possible:

* set up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to try and restrict Saddam.
* Imposed sanctions limiting how much oil Iraq could sell and how it could spend its money.

•The UN feared Saddam would use his oil profits to build Weapons of Mass \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (WMDs) such as - biological, nuclear, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

•Saddam constantly violated the no fly zones and sanctions.

**U.S. Defeats Saddam Hussein**

•In 2002, the U.S. (George W. Bush), and Britain charged that Saddam Hussein had WMDs. They also accused him of supporting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

•The U.S. and Britain joined together in a coalition to invade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . They toppled Saddam and occupied the country in 2003.

•Although many were relieved to see the end of Saddam Hussein, there were still bitter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ groups or rebels targeting Iraqi civilians and foreign troops.

•2005 – national elections were held in Iraq for the first time.