**U.S. Presence in Southwest Asia**

**Persian Gulf Conflict**:

**Kuwait**:

* In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the country of Kuwait was created.
  + As a result, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_lost its access to the Persian Gulf.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Iraq’s dictator, wanted to get this access back, as well as acquiring Kuwait’s large oil reserves.
  + He felt that the oil fields belonged to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait in August \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* In order to survive the attack, the small country of Kuwait knew it would need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Persian Gulf War**:

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was concerned about this invasion, as a lot of the country’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came from Kuwait & Saudi Arabia.
* In January 1991, the United States and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of other countries started “Operation Desert Storm”, a military mission to recapture Kuwait.
  + The coalition employed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_attacks and used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forces to quickly drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in just six weeks.

**End of the War**:

* By February of 1991, the Iraqi government agreed to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and withdrew from Kuwait.
  + Iraq left, but not before Saddam Hussein had his soldiers set nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on fire, causing immense environmental damage.
* Both Iraq and Kuwait were badly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the war.

**U.N Embargo**:

* When Iraq invaded Kuwait, the United Nations imposed an embargo that prevented Iraq from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oil or importing goods.
* The UN would not lift the embargo until Iraq destroyed its weapons of mass destruction--\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ weapons--and promised to stop making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ weapons.
  + This process began in 1991, and when the UN inspection team left in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there was speculation that only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the WMD’s had actually been destroyed.

**Iraq Invasion**:

**Iraq**:

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

**Results**:

* + Saddam Hussein’s government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ quickly, and the military operation was over in less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_months.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_WMDs were ever found.
  + In December 2003, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was captured, tried, and sentenced to death.
    - He was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in December 2006.

**Iraq Today**:

* + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Iraq after the invasion has been difficult.
* In 2005, Iraqi citizens took part in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ elections to establish a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government.
* U.S. forces remained in Iraq until the new Iraqi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was secure and stable.
  + In December 2011, the U.S. forces \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Unfortunately, there is still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Iraq today, as the Shia and Sunni Muslims are fighting one another for power of the country.

**Afghanistan Invasion**:

**Osama bin Laden**:

* + In 1996, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (an extremely religious group) established power in Afghanistan.
    - The anti-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Taliban was thought to be harboring Osama bin Laden’s terrorist group al-Qaeda, whose goal was to bring an end to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ influence in the Middle East.
  + The U.S. government identified bin Laden as the most likely suspect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the September 11th, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

**9/11**:

* + On September 11, 2001, al-Qaeda attacked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ targets in the United States.
  + The terrorists \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ four planes.
    - Two planes crashed into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in NYC.
    - Another airplane crashed into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Virginia, just outside of Washington, DC.
    - The fourth plane was intended to hit the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but crashed in rural Pennsylvania.
  + Over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people were killed in these attacks.

**U.S. Invasion**:

* + Sources in the U.S. government believed that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was allowing Bin Laden and his followers to hide out in the mountains of Afghanistan.
    - On October 7th, 2001, U.S. troops entered Afghanistan to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Taliban and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bin Laden.
  + After launching a series of attacks, the Taliban was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    - The U.S. helped form a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_government in Afghanistan.
  + Efforts to locate bin Laden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and he went into hiding for the next \_\_\_ years.

**The End**:

* On May 2, 2011, at 1:00 am, Navy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_raided Osama bin Laden’s compound in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Bin Laden was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the raid.
* His body was taken to Afghanistan for identification, then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at \_\_\_\_\_\_ within 24 hours.
  + According to U.S. officials, bin Laden was buried at sea because \_\_\_\_\_country would accept his remains.