# War on Terrorism Notes

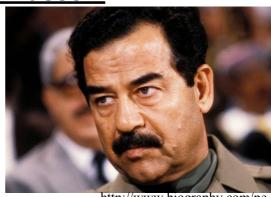
#### **Saddam Hussein**

Member of Ba'ath Party
Mixing Arab nationalist, panArabism, Arab socialist and antiimperialist interests.

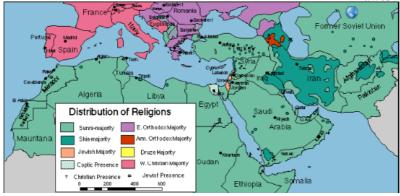
Becomes president in 1979

Iranians and Iraqis fight because of religious differences

1980 Saddam launches an 8 year war on Iran - cease-fire in 1988



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#### 1st Persian Gulf War

Goal of Ba'ath Party: unification of the Arab world into a single state

In 1990 Iraqi troops invade Kuwait

Why?

Non-OPEC
273 bn barrels
23%
OPEC
922 bn barrels
77%
Indonesia
Angola
UAE

Algeria

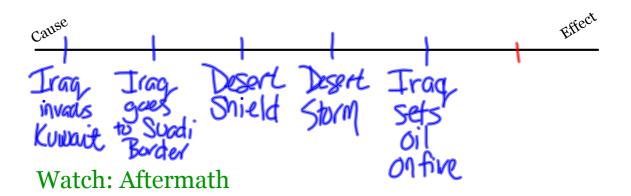
Watch "International Community" and "Desert Shield"

How is this conflict different than all other conflict in the 20th century?

Why do we get involved in this situation?

Watch: "Role of the Media"

#### **Timeline of Events**



#### Write what you know or feel about Terrorism.

#### THERE IS NO OFFICAL DEFINITION OF TERRORISM

those violent acts which are intended to create fear (terror), are perpetrated for a religious, political or ideological goal, deliberately target or disregard the safety of non-combatants (civilians), and are committed by non-government agencies.

abiding characteristic is the indiscriminate use of violence against civilians for the purpose of gaining publicity for a group, cause, or individual

#### The Beginning of Al Qaeda

**11 AUGUST 1988** Al-Qaeda is formed in Peshawar, Pakistan. The creation of the group brings together extraordinary Saudi wealth, the expertise of a lifetime Egyptian militant, and a philosophical foundation for jihad.

7 AUGUST 1990 bin Laden offers help to Saddam Hussein in the Persian Gulf War

**1991** Bin Laden leaves Saudi after making public attacks on the royal family and arrives in Sudan

**29 DECEMBER 1992** Al-Qaeda's first bomb attack kills two people at the Gold Mihor hotel in Aden

**26 FEBRUARY 1993** First attack on the World Trade Center in New York - six are killed and 1,000 injured by a basement bomb.

**4 OCTOBER 1993** 18 US servicemen are killed in the Black Hawk Down incident in Somalia. Al-Qaeda fighters are thought to have aided those who shot down the helicopters.

**1996** Bin Laden returns to Afghanistan, where he forms a close relationship with the leader of the new Taliban government, Mullah Omar.

**17 NOVEMBER 1997** 62 people are killed by gunmen in a massacre at Luxor in Egypt

**22 FEBRUARY 1998** Bin Laden issues a fatwa declaring all American citizens legitimate targets of al-Qaeda and calling for Muslims to perform their 'duty' by killing them.

**7 AUGUST 1998** 223 people are killed when the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania are attacked. One of the hallmarks of al-Qaeda operations is simultaneous strikes

**20 AUGUST 1998** The first US military action against the group comes in the form of strikes against camps in Sudan and Afghanistan.

### True or False

- 1. The terrorists who attacked the World Trade Center did so because want all Americans to die.
- 2. Osama Bin Laden funded the training of Taliban members.
- 3. Saddam Hussein planned the attacks on 9/11.
- 4. Al-Qaeda was the group that planned and committed the attacks on 9/11.
- 5. All terrorists are from the Middle East.
- 6. Iraq is home to the Taliban.
- 7. The attack on September 11, 2001 was not the first attack on the World Trade Center.

Is there a difference between the Taliban and al-Qaeda?

<u>Taliban</u>: an Islamic militia group that ruled large parts of Afghanistan from September 1996 onwards

<u>al-Qaeda</u>: a militant Islamic group founded sometime between August 1988 and late 1989. It operates as a network comprising both a multinational, stateless army and a radical Sunni Muslim movement calling for global Jihad.

#### What companies were housed in the World Trade Center?

#### Tower 1

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_tenants\_in\_One\_World\_Trade\_Center

#### Tower 2

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_tenants\_in\_Two\_World\_Trade\_Center

#### What is the financial loss of 9/11?

It was only the third time in history that the New York Stock Exchange was shut down for a period of time. (closed from September 10 - 17)

Some estimate that there was over \$60 billion in insurance losses alone.

Approximately 18,000 small businesses were either displaced or destroyed in Lower Manhattan after the Twin Towers fell.

There was a buildup in homeland security on all levels. 9/11 caused a catastrophic financial loss for the U.S.

#### Timeline of the War on Terror

2001

September 11 - Attacks

September - Give us all your terrorist demand

October 7 – War in Afghanistan begins

2002

January 15 - Operation Enduring Freedom - in the Philippines

February 27 – Georgia Train and Equip Program begins

October 7 – Operation Enduring Freedom - Horn of Africa begins

2003

February 5 – Colin Powell addressed United Nations

March 20 - the Iraq War begins

April 10 - Fall of Baghdad

December 13 – Saddam Hussein is found and captured by U.S. forces

2004

June 18 – Drone Strikes in Pakistan begin (US Gov't and CIA)

200

January - First Democratic Elections in Iraq

July 7 – the 1st London bombings kill 52 people and injure 700 more.

2007

February 6 – the Operation Enduring Freedom – Trans Sahara begins The "Surge" in Iraq begins

2009

August 6 - Obama administration has stopped using the phrase "war on terror"

2011

May 2 – Osama bin Laden is killed in a raid by Navy Seals

2012

#### George Bush's Address to Congress September 20, 2001

List things George Bush wants to happen in the near future.

Explain and evaluate how he handle the topic of the Muslim faith in his speech.



# Why Afghanistan?



## So then why Iraq?



Possible Reasons in the word of George Bush???
Do you trust this guy?

It's easy to defeat Iraq. My dad did it I can too!

I'm pretty sure they have oil there.

Because we're AMERICA and we want to.

Official Position: Iraq was a preemptive strike because they have weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)



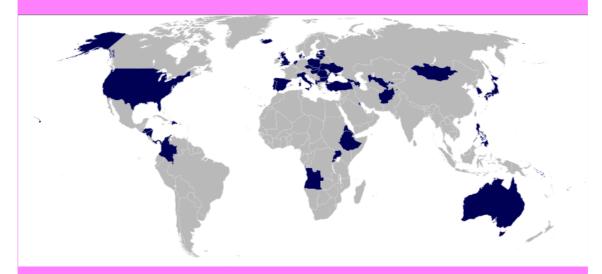
#### What's a weapon of mass destruction?



Hussein known for use of chemical weapons in the 1980s against Iranian and Kurdish civilians during and after the Iran–Iraq War.

Also known in the 80s he pursued an extensive biological weapons program and a nuclear weapons program, though no nuclear bomb was built.

### **Coalition Forces**



Provides Troops for the Invasion the United Kingdom, Australia and Poland Shares Intelligence Donated money/assistance post-invasion

#### **Terrorist Attack on Spain**

When: March 11, 2004

Where: Madrid

What: were nearly simultaneous, coordinated bombings against the commuter train system of

Madrid



### Terrorist Attack on the UK

When: July 7, 2005 (Known as 7/7)

Where: London

What: Series of coordinated suicide attacks which targeted civilians using the public transport system

during the morning rush hour



### So what have we accomplished so far?

#### War in Afghanistan (2001–present):

Fall of the Taliban government in Afghanistan Destruction of al-Qaeda camps Killing of Osama bin Laden

#### Iraq War (2003-2011):

Fall of the Ba'ath Party government in Iraq Execution of Saddam Hussein Free elections

# **Review Questions**

# The name of the group that was in power in Afghanistan from 1996-2001

## **Taliban**



What kind of government does Iraq currently have?

## **Democracy**



# Why did we not leave Iraq after the fall of Saddam?

Democracy is fragile Army is weak Crazy Neighbors

What country did the U.S. invade in 2003 under the banner of Weapons of Mass Destruction?

Iraq

# In what city was Osama Bin Laden found and killed by the Navy Seals?

Abottabad, Pakistan



Which group is responsible planning the attacks on 9/11?



# In what modern country was Muhammad born?

Saudi Arabia

