

# Reader's Guide

**W***ar in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* presents a comprehensive overview of the U.S.-led wars against Iraq that took place in 1991 and 2003. The volume's twelve chapters are arranged chronologically and cover all aspects of the conflict. *War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* begins by describing the history of the Middle East and Saddam Hussein's rise to power in Iraq. It then details Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait and the international response, culminating in Operation Desert Storm in 1991. The volume continues by describing the decade of economic sanctions and weapons inspections in the aftermath of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, and the shift in U.S. policy toward "regime change" in Iraq. It concludes by describing the battles of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the fall of Baghdad to U.S. forces in April 2003, and the challenges of building a peaceful, democratic Iraq.

## Features

*War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* includes informative sidebars,

some containing brief biographies of people associated with the conflicts in Iraq, others focusing on interesting facts about pivotal issues and events. Approximately sixty black-and-white photographs and maps enliven the work. *War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* also includes a timeline of important events, “Words to Know” and “People to Know” sections, and a list of research and activity ideas with suggestions for study questions, group projects, and oral and dramatic presentations. *War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* concludes with a bibliography of sources for further reading and a subject index.

### **War in the Persian Gulf Reference Library: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom**

*War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* is only one component of a three-volume War in the Persian Gulf: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom Reference Library. The other two titles in this multivolume set are:

- *War in the Persian Gulf Biographies: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* presents profiles of thirty men and women who participated in or were affected by the 1991 Persian Gulf War and the 2003 Iraq War. The volume covers such key people as political leaders George H. W. Bush, George W. Bush, Saddam Hussein, Yassir Arafat, Tony Blair, and Jacques Chirac; military leaders Colin Powell and H. Norman Schwarzkopf; journalists Christiane Amanpour, Peter Arnett, and Bob Simon; and prisoners of war Jeffrey Zaun and Jessica Lynch. The volume is filled with photographs, sidebars, a timeline of key events, a glossary, a “People to Know” section, sources for further reading, and an index.
- *War in the Persian Gulf Primary Sources: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* presents twelve full or excerpted documents related to the 1991 and 2003 U.S.-led wars against Iraq. These documents range from notable speeches that mark important points in the conflicts to personal diaries and letters that reflect the experiences of

ordinary soldiers and civilians. The excerpts are arranged chronologically, beginning with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's decision to invade Kuwait in 1990 and ending with an Iraqi citizen's 2003 Internet diary describing conditions in Baghdad under U.S. occupation. Each excerpt has a glossary that runs alongside the reprinted document to identify unfamiliar terms and ideas contained within the material. The volume also includes photographs, sidebars, a timeline of key events, a glossary, a "People to Know" section, sources for further reading, and an index.

- A cumulative index of all three titles in *War in the Persian Gulf Reference Library: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* is also available.

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