

## Reader's Guide

**W***ar in the Persian Gulf Primary Sources: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* presents twelve full or excerpted documents related to the U.S.-led wars against Iraq that took place in 1991 and 2003. These documents range from notable speeches that mark important points in the conflicts to personal diaries and letters that reflect the hopes, dreams, fears, and 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.

Some of the selections discuss highly personal issues, such as a U.S. soldier's participation in the 1991 ground assault and a Muslim teenager's experiences with prejudice in American society. Others chronicle major events associated with the Persian Gulf Wars, like the start of the 1991 air war or the fall of Baghdad to U.S. troops in 2003. Furthermore, the works included in this volume present a wide range of perspectives on the conflicts. For example, some entries provide insights into the feelings of Iraqi citizens and Middle

Eastern leaders. Others provide a closer look at U.S. military strategies and the goals of American political leaders.

Included are excerpts from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's controversial 1990 meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Iraq April Glaspie; CNN reporter Peter Arnett's famous 1991 coverage of the first night of bombing from a Baghdad hotel; U.S. General H. Norman Schwarzkopf's description of the successful 1991 coalition ground war strategy; and former U.S. national security advisor Brent Scowcroft's 2002 editorial "Don't Attack Saddam."

## Format

Each excerpt included in *War in the Persian Gulf Primary Sources: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* features the following additional text:

- **Introductory material** places the document and its author in historical context.
- **Things to remember while reading** offers readers important background information and directs them to central ideas in the text.
- **Excerpt** presents the document in its original spelling and format.
- **What happened next...** discusses the impact of the document and provides an account of subsequent historical events.
- **Did you know...** provides interesting facts about the document and its author.
- **For More Information** offers resources for further study of the document and its author as well as sources used by the authors in writing the material.

Entries in *War in the Persian Gulf Primary Sources: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* include numerous sidebars, some focusing on the author of the featured document, others highlighting interesting, related information. Approximately sixty black-and-white photos illustrate the text, and each excerpt has a glossary that runs alongside the reprinted document to identify unfamiliar terms and ideas contained within the material. *War in the Persian Gulf Primary Sources: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi*

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

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

- *War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* presents a comprehensive overview of the 1991 and 2003 U.S.-led wars against Iraq. The volume’s twelve chapters are arranged chronologically and cover all aspects of the two conflicts, from Iraq’s 1990 invasion of Kuwait through the fall of Baghdad to U.S. forces in 2003. The *Almanac* begins by describing the history of the Middle East and Saddam Hussein’s rise to power in Iraq and concludes by examining the complex issues involved in the transition to a democratic Iraqi government. More than sixty black-and-white photographs and maps help illustrate the text. Numerous sidebars highlight interesting individuals and facts. *War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* also includes a timeline of important events, a glossary, a “People to Know” section, research and activity ideas, sources for further reading, and an index.
- *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, Yasir 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 vol-

ume is filled with more than sixty black-and-white photographs, sidebars, and individual “Where to Learn More” sections. *War in the Persian Gulf Biographies: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* also includes 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 Operations Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* is also available.

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