

Why did events in the Gulf matter, c.1970–2000?

**Explain the Who, What, Where, When, and Why involved for each question. Create a memory word to remember the main ideas for each question**

1. Why was Saddam Hussein able to come to power in Iraq? Memory Word=\_\_\_\_\_

**Who** was in power before Hussein, who was Hussein:

**What** did Hussein do to gain power in Iraq:

**Where** did Hussein begin to consolidate and come to power:

**When** did Hussein begin to consolidate and come to power (Timeline or sequence of events):

**Why** was Hussein able to come to power (I.e. what factors influenced this event):

2. What was the nature of Saddam Hussein's rule in Iraq? Memory Word=\_\_\_\_\_

**Who** was part of Hussein's leadership structure (Major individuals in each country):

**What** did Hussein do to rule Iraq:

**Where** did Hussein act in order to keep control:

**When** did Hussein gain power and what events kept him in power (Timeline or sequence of events):

**Why** was Hussein's nature of rule important to him remaining in power (I.e. what factors influenced this event):

3. Why was there a revolution in Iran in 1979? Memory Word=\_\_\_\_\_

**Who** was in power and who was leading the revolution in Iran:

**What** did the revolution in Iran lead to:

**Where** did revolution begin and spread to:

**When** did the revolution begin and spread throughout Iran (Timeline or sequence of events):

**Why** did the revolution take place in Iran and during 1979 (I.e. what factors influenced this event):

4. What were the causes and consequences of the Iran-Iraq War, 1980–88? Memory  
Word=\_\_\_\_\_

**Who** was the leadership in Iran and Iraq, 1980-88:

**What** was the cause and consequences of the war for Iran and Iraq, 1980-88:

**Where** did the war begin and continue, 1980-88 (country, region, land mass, etc):

**When** were the key events of the Iran-Iraq War (Timeline or sequence of events):

**Why** was the Iran-Iraq War an important moment for the Middle East and what consequences would affect the region following its end (I.e. what factors influenced this event):

5. Why did the First Gulf War take place? Memory Word=\_\_\_\_\_

**Who** was in power in the USA, Iraq, and Kuwait:

**What** caused the First Gulf War to take place:

**Where** did the First Gulf War effect (country, region, land mass, etc):

**When** did the First Gulf War occur (Timeline or sequence of events):

**Why** was First Gulf War important to changing the fortunes of Iraq, Kuwait, and the USA (I.e. what factors influenced this event):

## Sample Test Questions

1. Instability and volatility were features of the Gulf region.
  - (a) Describe the involvement of the Western Powers in the Iran-Iraq War, 1980–88. [4]
  - (b) Why was there opposition within Iran to the Shah's rule? [6]
  - (c) 'Iraq suffered more than Iran as a result of the war between the two countries.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
  
2. Saddam Hussein was hostile towards Iran.
  - (a) Describe the Iranian Revolution of 1979. [4]
  - (b) Why did Iraqi troops invade Iran in September 1980? [6]
  - (c) 'The most serious aspect of the Iran-Iraq War of 1980–88 was the threat to the stability of the Arab World.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
  
3. Events in Iraq and Iran were of key importance in the 1970s and 1980s.
  - (a) Describe Saddam Hussein's rise to power in Iraq. [4]
  - (b) Why did the Iranian Revolution take place in 1979? [6]
  - (c) 'There was no victor in the Iran-Iraq War of 1980–88.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]