**U.S. Interests in S.W. Asia** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Why is the USA interested in S.W. Asia?**

1. Protect \_\_Economic\_\_\_ interests (\_\_trade\_\_\_, \_\_\_oil\_\_\_\_\_)

2. Support the state of \_\_\_Israel\_\_\_\_\_

3. Combat (fight) \_\_terrorism\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Persian Gulf Conflict**

* Aka Gulf War or Operation \_\_Desert Storm\_\_\_\_
* \_Iraq\_\_\_\_invaded the small, \_\_oil\_\_\_ rich country of \_\_Kuwait\_\_\_\_over an oil dispute
* The United Nations attempted to stop Iraq from taking over Kuwait
* About 40 countries, including the \_\_United\_States\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became involved. Why???
* The US was concerned about this invasion, as a lot of the country’s \_\_oil\_\_\_ came from \_Kuwait\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_Saudi Arabia\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* By February of 1991, the \_\_\_Iraqi\_\_\_\_\_\_ government agreed to a truce and \_\_\_withdrew\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Kuwait.

**War in Afghanistan**

* Aka the War on \_\_terror\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Declared war in response to the \_\_9/11\_\_\_\_\_ attacks
* The terrorist group \_\_\_\_\_\_Al-Qaeda\_\_ and their leader \_Osama bin Laden\_\_\_ responsible for attacks
* The radical Muslim government in Afghanistan \_Taliban\_\_helped assist Al-Qaeda
* On May 2, 2011, Navy SEALS raided Osama bin Laden’s compound in \_\_Pakistan\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_Bin Laden\_\_\_ was shot and killed in the raid.

**War in Iraq**

* Aka Operation \_\_\_\_Iraqi Freedom\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The U.S. invaded Iraq after accusing the country of having \_\_Weapons of Mass Destruction\_\_\_\_ (WMDs)
* After the invasion, no WMDs were found; Iraq had ended its weapons program in \_\_1991\_\_
* Other reasons for invasion include getting rid of dictator \_\_Saddam Hussein\_\_ & promoting \_democracy\_\_
* In December 2003, \_Saddam Hussein\_ was captured, tried, and sentenced to death.

**Review**:

Name the 3 reasons for US involvement in S.W. Asia (the Middle East).

Identify the **MAIN** reasons for US involvement in the Persian Gulf conflict, and the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Who was the terrorist leader we were after in the War in Afghanistan?

Who was the dictator the US was after in Iraq and during the Persian Gulf conflict?