US Presence in Southwest Asia

**Directions:** Complete the graphic organizer below while discussing the presentation.

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| Kuwait | 1990 | Iraq invaded the small country of Kuwait. The US and other countries formed a coalition to fight Iraq. | Iraq wanted to gain access to the Persian gulf & to control Kuwait’s oil wells | US & other nations attacked Iraq and won after 6 weeks. Iraq left but burned Kuwait’s oil fields.  UN made Iraq destroy WMDs and stop producing more. |
| **2. Iraq Invasion** | | | | |
| Iraq | 2003 | US, Great Britain, & other countries invaded Iraq. | US believed Hussein had WMDs & were aiding al-Qaeda | Hussein was captured, tried, and executed. Iraq has a new democratic government. Sunni & Shia Muslims are still fighting over power.  No WMDs were ever found. |
| **3. Afghanistan Invasion** | | | | |
| Afghanistan | 2001 | US invaded Afghanistan. | Afghanistan’s government (Taliban) was believed to be aiding and sheltering bin Laden & al-Qaeda. | US defeated Taliban and set up a democratic government in Afghanistan.  Bin laden escaped for 10 years, but was found & killed in Pakistan in 2011. |