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# *The Second Persian Gulf War*

- It was composed of two main parts:

## **Invasion:**

- Took place from March to April of 2003
- First offensive was launched by Allies on March 20, 2003

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## **Occupation:**

- Much longer than first part
- Lasted from 2003 to 2011
- Mainly by US troops
- Violence began to die down by 2007 and troops were withdrawn by December 2011

# *Parties Involved*

## **Allied Forces:**

- The United States
- Britain
- Iraqi Kurdish fighters

## **Opposing Forces:**

- Iraqi military
- Saddam's Fedayeen
- Republican Guards

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# *Where in the World*

The war took place in Iraq:

- Baghdad fell April 9, 2003
- The search for Hussein continues...
- He was finally found on a farm in Ad Dawr, Iraq



(Iraq on map)

# *What we Were Fighting for*

Post 9/11, the US realized Saddam Hussein should be reckoned with for his continued support of terrorism

The Iraqi forces fought to keep Hussein in power and the US out



# *When did This Begin?*

- The primary reason for this was to remove Hussein from power for fear of what he might do
- The attacks on 9/11 were a major trigger to the invasion of Iraq.
  - Many Muslim extremists today justify their actions as a method of revenge for the Crusades during the 10th and 13th centuries



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# *State of the Issue Today*

- The United States' occupation in Iraq officially ended in 2011
- Today the US is still trying to fully restore relations with Iraq



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