Study Guide and Webquest for <u>Santa Claus in Baghdad</u> PART 1





1.What is the capital of Iraq?

- 2. What is the name of the river that flows through this capital city?
- 3. What is the name of the other great river that flows through Iraq?
- 4. What is the name of the gulf on the southeast of Iraq?

5. What country borders Iraq on the north? _____ 6. What two countries border Iraq to the south? ______ and 7. What countries border Iraq to the west? _____ and 8. What country borders Iraq to the east? 9. If you wanted to travel from Mosul to Al Basrah, in which direction would you head? 10. If you were to travel from Samarra to Baghdad, roughly how many miles would you have to travel? VISIT <u>ONLINE.CULTUREGRAMS.COM</u> CLICK ON KIDS EDITION CLICK ON ASIA CLICK ON IRAQ • Read the "DID YOU KNOW?" and answer TRUE or FALSE in the boxes. If the answer is FALSE, correct it! 1. The word IRAQ means "country with deep mountains." 2. The first civilization existed in Iraq around 5,500 years ago. 3. Cuneiform is a type of ice cream. 4. Iraqis usually get married young.

- LISTEN TO THE COUNTRY ANTHEM. What instruments do you hear?
- ✤ USE THE COLORED BOXES ON THE LEFT TO FIND THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
- What state in the U.S.A. is about the same size as lraq?
- What is the population in Iraq?
 ______. ESTIMATE the difference between the population of Iraq and the U.S.
- What is the official language in Iraq? _____.
- What English words have come from Arabic?

and _____.

- SPEAK WITH YOUR PARTNER USING SOME ARABIC WORDS.
- Draw the religion pie graph:

- USING "TIMELINER" CREATE A TIMELINE WITH THE FOLLOWING YEARS:
 - ✓ 3500 B.C.
 - √ 762
 - ✓ 1927
 - ✓ 1932
 - ✓ 1979
 - ✓ 1990
 - √ 2003
 - √ 2008
- What is the most popular sport in Iraq?
- Do Iraqi women compete in sports?______
- What are the 2 major holidays?

_____and _____.

- What kinds of things do kids enjoy doing during these holidays?
- What is the largest meal of the day in Iraq?
- What do all meals end with? _____
- Why have few schools been built and books are scarce in Iraq?
- Why have some children been forced to stay home instead of going to school? ______.

- USING KIDSPIRATION, CREATE A VENN DIAGRAM COMPARING AND CONTRASTING YOURSELF TO A CHILD IN IRAQ.
- CREATE YOUR OWN GRAPH: On the right hand side of the webpage, click on "GRAPHS AND TABLES".
 - ✓ Click on BUILD YOUR OWN: COMPARISON
 GRAPH.
 - Compare the United States and Iraq by highlighting both.
 - ✓ Choose one category to compare.
 - ✓ Click on CREATE COMPARISON GRAPH.
 - \checkmark Print the graph.
- Click on WORLD TIME. What time is it in the U.S.A?

_____. What time is it in Iraq? _____.

- What is the time difference between our countries?
- How many miles apart are the capitals of the two countries-Washington D.C. and Baghdad? ______.
- GO TO <u>www.santaclausinbaghdad.com</u>
 - Click on the PLAY BUTTON in the middle of the screen.
 - Watch the trailer for the movie, then answer the following questions. You may need to go back and watch it a second time.
 - How does the music make you feel?

• What do you think the men are doing with the furniture?

- Where do you think the movie takes placewhere is the setting?
- Why do you think the boy has an ant in a box?
- Why do you think the family is crying when the man enters the room?

 Do you think Santa ends up coming to Baghdad? Why or why not?

MIDDLE EAST



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