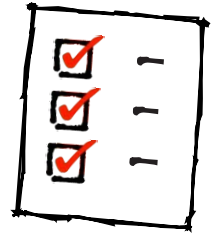


Name:

Day Two

Reasons for War

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- Our leaders said Iraq was making weapons of mass destruction
- failed to connect Iraq and Al Qaeda
- Joyful Iraqis toppled a famous statue of Saddam
- We failed to understand
- Ethnic and religious groups began a bloody struggle

- destruction dih | **STRUK** | shun
- statue **STA** | choo
- Colin Powell **KOH** | lin **POW** | uhl
- religious rih | **LIH** | jus
- possibility pah | suh | **BIL** | ih | tee



Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables between double consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the double consonants
- Draw a line between the double consonants
- Put a short vowel sign \checkmark over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

winning

support

connect

toppled

struggle

attacks



Day Two Reasons for War

// one minute

Part 2: Last read

WPM _____

Why did we go to war against Iraq in 2003? And why were U.S. troops in Iraq through 2011? Sometimes, winning is the easy part.

The U.S. gave two main reasons for going to war. Our leaders said Iraq was making weapons of mass destruction, or WMDs. The U.S. also said Iraq was hiding members of Al Qaeda. Al Qaeda planned the September 11 terrorist attacks. The U.S. had promised to punish Al Qaeda and anyone who helped them.

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70
79

However, reports soon showed no WMDs. More reports failed to connect Iraq and Al Qaeda. Even so, many Americans still supported the Iraq War. After all, Iraq’s leader, Saddam Hussein, openly hated America. He was also a brutal dictator who tortured and killed his own people.

93
107
121
125

The first weeks of the war looked easy. U.S. jets dropped thousands of bombs. More than 250,000 American soldiers invaded. With U.S. troops deep inside Iraq, Saddam went into hiding. Joyful Iraqis toppled a famous statue of Saddam. Pictures of the statue coming down were shown around the world. Soon, Saddam was arrested.

141
154
168
178

Saddam’s rule was over. However, as General Colin Powell told *CNN* in 2008, “We failed to understand that the war was not over.” Iraq was in ruins. Many people had no food or water. Many more had no electric power. Ethnic and religious groups began a bloody struggle. Who would take power? A scary possibility arose. Would the new Iraq be more dangerous than the old one?

192
209
224
238
245

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think the Iraq War was a good idea? yes no Why?

Read your answers to your partner. Write down what your partner thinks about the Iraq War.
