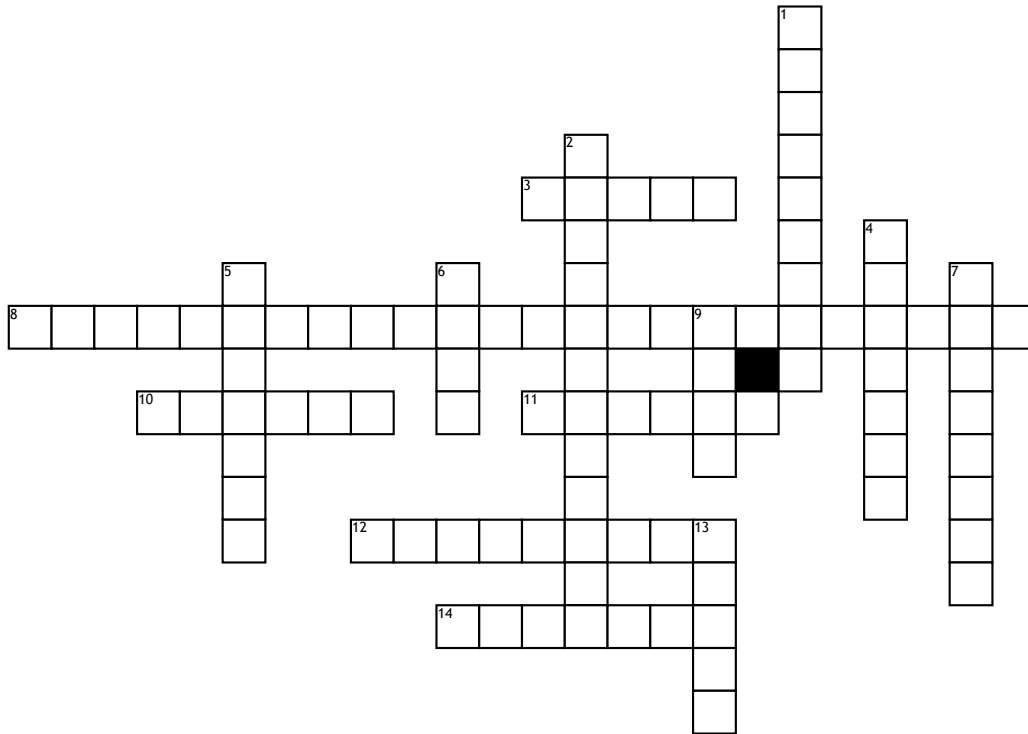


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# Iraq's Problem and Promise!



## Across

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ are Sunni Muslims but have a history, language, and culture that differs from their Arab neighbors and the \_\_\_\_\_ represent 15-20% population of Iraq, because they are a minority ethnic group, and have different stages or times in their history of experienced serious discrimination.
8. The coalition was a \_\_\_\_\_, because it means a state in which the single power holder - an individual "dictatorship", a committee or a junta or an otherwise small group of political elite - monopolizes political power.
10. 60% of Iraq's population is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. In 1990, Iraq invaded (a) \_\_\_\_\_ and claimed that it had been stealing Iraqi oil.
12. In 2005, free \_\_\_\_\_ were held in Iraq and legislators drafted a democratic constitution.
14. The alliance believed that Iraq was concealing weapons although none were found so the coalition of countries removed \_\_\_\_\_ from power. It demanded complete obedience and ruled through terror.

## Down

1. In late 1990 and early 1991, United States formed a \_\_\_\_\_ or alliance with other countries. \_\_\_\_\_ countries drove Iraqi forces from Kuwait. In 2003, another \_\_\_\_\_ of countries invaded Iraq; it believed that Iraq was concealing weapons although none were found.
2. The new territory has brought together 2 distinct and divided Arabic groups since the death of Muhammad, the Shiite and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Iraq has been ruled by foreign rulers or dictators; the largely Shiite Iran had overthrown its Monarch and has established an Islamic an Iraqi government named Saddam \_\_\_\_\_ who was a Sunni Muslim who rose to power-(ruled Iraq) and feared that the Iranian Shiites would persuade Iraq to overthrow his government; he ordered the invasion and occupation of Kuwait. The war between Iraq and Iran, which began in 1980, also reached a conclusion; was also concerned over attempts by Iran's Islamic revolutionary government to incite rebellion among Iraq's Shiite majority. By attacking when it did, Iraq took advantage of the apparent disorder and isolation of Iran's new government—then at loggerheads with the United States over the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran by Iranian militants—and of the demoralization and dissolution of Iran's regular armed forces.

5. Iran waged war in the 1980s with Iraq as a result of the Sunni-Shiite getting \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Iraq history, it has been torn by \_\_\_\_\_, terrorist insurgency, and civil strife.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ still occurs, but Iraqis are working to stabilize and rebuild their country.
9. Which continent is Iraq located in? \_\_\_\_\_
13. 75% of Iraq's population is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Kuwait  
wars  
coalition  
Totalitarian Dictatorship  
divided

Hussein  
Hussein  
elections  
Shiite  
Sunni

Kurds  
Sunni Muslims  
Asia  
Violence