**Somebody-Wanted-But-So…**

**“U.S. Presence in Southwest Asia”**

**Directions:**

* In the “Wanted” category, record what each country or group hoped to achieve during the conflict.
* In the “But” category, record things that happened to block the goals of each country.
* In the “So” category, record the outcome of the conflict.

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| Saddam Hussein & Iraq | To access to Persian Gulf & control of Kuwait’s oil fields, | The United Nations wouldn’t let them take over Kuwait, | Iraq lost the war & burned Kuwait’s oil wells on the way out. |
| Kuwait | To force Iraq to leave their country, | They didn’t have a strong enough military to fight back, | They asked United Nations for help. |
| U.S. & Coalition Nations | To protect their oil interests in Kuwait, | Iraq had a strong military and WMDs, | They joined together & declared war on Iraq. It lasted for 6 weeks and they won. |

**2. The Iraq Invasion – “Operation Iraqi Freedom”**

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| Iraq | The world to believe that it had WMDs and to aid al-Qaeda, | The US & other countries wouldn’t allow them to have WMDs and declared war on Iraq in 2003. | Hussein went into hiding, was found, tried, & executed in 2006. |
| U.S. | To prevent Iraq from having/making WMDs and aiding al-Qaeda, | Saddam Hussein wouldn’t cooperate with UN inspection team, | The US, Britain, & other countries invaded Iraq. The war lasted for two months and the government was overthrown. |

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| U.S. | To find Osama bin Laden because he was believed to be responsible for 9/11 attacks, | Afghanistan’s anti-American government was believed to be aiding bin Laden and al-Qaeda, | The US invaded Afghanistan and overthrew the Taliban, but bin Laden escaped until he was caught 10 years later. |
| Osama bin Laden & al-Qaeda | To escape the US government while bringing an end to Western influence in the Middle East, | The US continued to search for bin Laden, | US special forces located bin Laden at his compound in Pakistan and killed him in 2011. |