**What led to U.S. involvement in the**

**Middle East (SW Asia)? Rap Project**

**Project:** For this assignment you will create a rap that answers the question: “What led to U.S. involvement in the Middle East (SW Asia)? You will use your notes from the “U.S. Presence in the Middle East” presentation to write a rap that provide details for U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf War, the Invasion of Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your hook or chorus must answer the project question. (The main reasons for U.S. Involvement in the Middle East)

To write your rap, you will begin with the topic, U.S. involvement in Southwest Asia (Middle East). Basically, you are going to explain everything you know about U.S. involvement in the following wars/conflicts:

* Persian Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm and Desert Saber)
* Invasion of Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom)
* Invasion of Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

For each war or conflict students must include the following components in each verse:

* The name of the conflict
* When the war occurred (i.e. year it started, length of time, etc.)
* The countries and organizations involved (roles) (i.e. coalition forces, United Nations, Taliban, al-Qaeda, etc.)
* Leaders of the countries involved
* The specific reason(s) that led to U.S. involvement in the conflict (what led to U.S. involvement in this conflict/war)
* Results of the war or is it still ongoing

The chorus/hook must answer the initial question: "What led to the U.S. involvement in the Middle East?"  It must be catchy and reiterate the main reasons for U.S. involvement in the Middle East as:

* Oil
* Economic Interests
* Stopping Terrorism