

SWA History: Wars

Visual Dictionary

Al-Qaeda



Terrorist group founded by Osama bin Laden and responsible for the September 11 attacks.

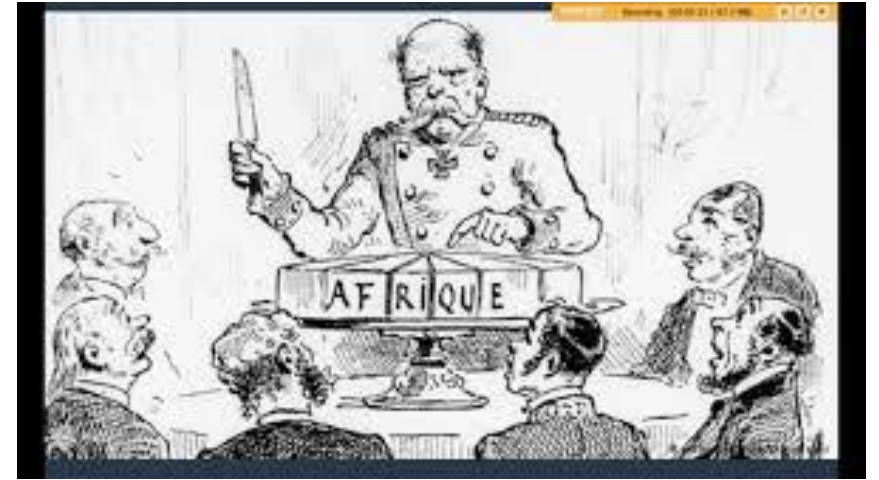
Artificial Political Boundaries (Man-made borders)

**Country borders drawn by
European colonial rulers who
did not respect the ethnic and
religious groups.**



Colonialism

When one country takes political and economic control of another country.



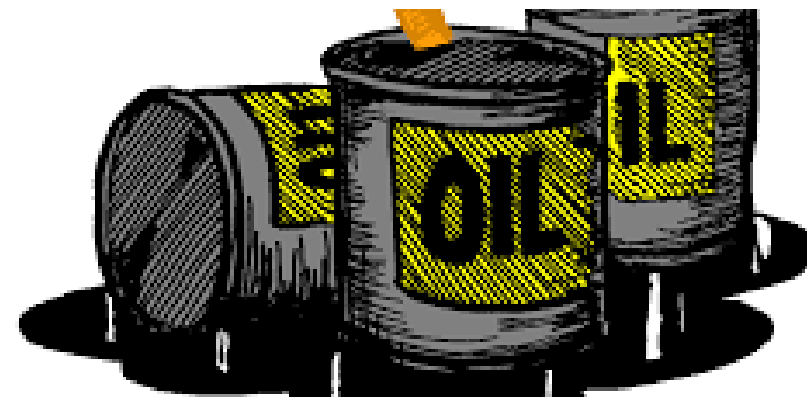
Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq War)

**A war fought from 2003-2011
mostly by the U.S. and U.K.
who were afraid that Saddam
Hussein had WMD's (Weapons
of Mass Destruction).**



Oil, Money, and Terrorism

Reasons for US interest in Southwest Asia (Middle East)



Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

Controls the price and amount of oil sold in the world market by major oil exporting countries.



Osama bin Laden

founder of al-Qaeda; Arab Muslim terrorist responsible for the 9/11 attacks. Killed by U.S. forces in 2011.



Persian Gulf War

**War fought from 1990- 1991 by
34 United Nation member
countries.**



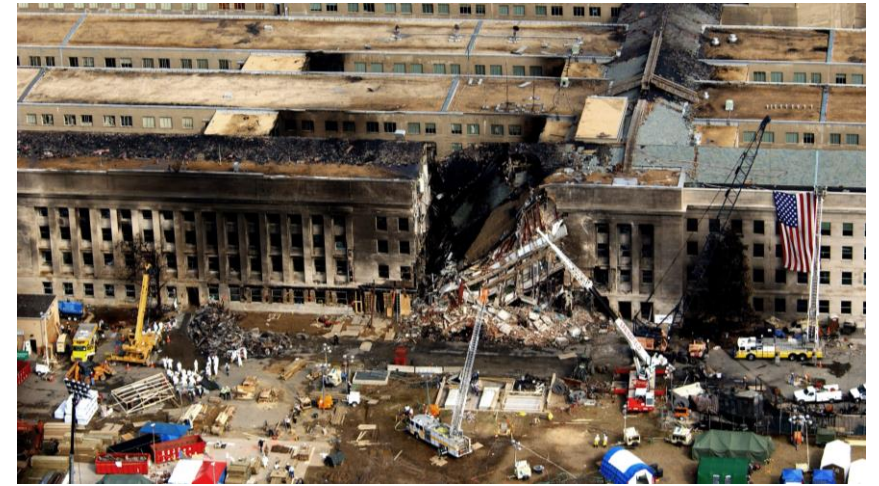
Saddam Hussein

"President" of Iraq from 1979-2003. Defeated by US led invasion in 2003.



September 11, 2001 (9/11 Attacks)

Suicide attacks carried out by a militant Muslim group who hijacked passenger jets and crashed them into the World Trade Center and Pentagon. This is the cause of the invasion of Afghanistan.



United Nations

**Organization founded in 1945
to promote worldwide peace.**



Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD's)

**Chemical,
biological, or
nuclear weapons
that can kill
thousands.**



Taliban

A group of fundamentalist Muslims who controlled the government of Afghanistan; provided a safe haven for Osama bin Laden, after the 9/11 attacks.



Invasion of Afghanistan

**The United States invaded
Afghanistan after 9/11 attacks;
in search of Osama bin Laden.**



Slant Drilling

Is a non-vertical form of well drilling typically used in natural gas and oil production.

