

LOSING IRAQ

1. “It made me worry. Something told me ‘this isn’t going to be quite as _____ as we thought.’”
2. What happened after the U.S. helped the Iraqis take down the statue of Saddam Hussein?
3. What did the war plans drafted by Secretary Rumsfeld and Commanding General Tommy Franks not include?
4. The administration’s strategy was to pull the troops out of Iraq and hand over the responsibility to an _____.
5. American civilian Paul Bremer, who became in charge of the occupation, took a _____ week crash course on Middle Eastern history before heading to Iraq. What does this say about the administration in charge of the Iraqi occupation?
6. What was CPA Order Number One?
7. When did the real war for the future of Iraq begin? What were the events that triggered this?
8. When was Saddam Hussein captured?
9. What were the consequences of the Battle of Fallujah?
10. What was the Light Footprint Strategy?
11. Who did Fallujah become a sanctuary for?
12. What were the effects of the victory in Fallujah?
13. How did Al Qaeda get involved in the war? What was their goal?
14. What happened for the first time in 12 years in the US?

15. What was “The Surge”?
16. Who was General Casey replaced with?
17. What were immediate effects of The Surge
18. What are two reasons for President Bush returning to Iraq one last time?
19. What was President Obama’s campaign promise concerning the Iraq War?
20. When did President Obama say all US troops would completely withdrawn from Iraq?
21. After President Obama takes office and the White House lessens the relationship between Maliki and the US President, what does Maliki start doing in Iraq?
22. At the end of 2011, in addition to removing troops, what else did the US remove from Iraq?
23. What did Maliki do right after US troops left Iraq?

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

24. Can Iraq find peace and establish a stable government while Sunni and Shia tension and fighting is alive and strong?
25. Has the United States helped Iraq? Why or why not? (The word “helped” is purposefully broad... interpret as you will).
26. What is the West’s role in the creation of modern Iraq?