

## ★ Reteaching Activity 31

### A New Century Begins, 2001–Present

As America entered a new century, it saw one of the closest and most disputed presidential races in history between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Bush was declared the winner, and his first term was marked by terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Fighting terrorism then became the nation's first priority. After toppling the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, the United States invaded Iraq in 2003. After Bush won a second term in 2004, his administration was beset by challenges from Hurricane Katrina, the ongoing war in Iraq, and the Republicans' loss of Congressional control in 2006.

**DIRECTIONS:** Refer to the list below to complete the sentences.

<b>Abu Ghraib</b>	<b>chad</b>	<b>Osama bin Laden</b>
<b>al-Qaeda</b>	<b>Guantanamo Bay</b>	<b>Saddam Hussein</b>
<b>"axis of evil"</b>	<b>Northern Alliance</b>	<b>weapons of mass destruction (WMD)</b>

1. A terrorist group called \_\_\_\_\_, led by a man named \_\_\_\_\_, was responsible for attacks inside the United States.
2. President Bush and his advisers were concerned that Iraq may have been producing \_\_\_\_\_ that could be given to terrorists.
3. Bush demanded that Iraq's leader, \_\_\_\_\_, give up Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.
4. The United States aided the Afghan group known as the \_\_\_\_\_ in the war in Afghanistan.
5. In his 2002 State of the Union speech, President Bush warned that Iraq, Iran, and North Korea formed an \_\_\_\_\_ which posed a grave threat to the world.
6. Some Iraqi prisoners of war were abused by Americans at an Iraqi prison called \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The little piece of paper punched out of a ballot called a \_\_\_\_\_ led to vote-counting questions in the presidential election of 2000.
8. Men who were captured on a battlefield were held at an American military base in Cuba called \_\_\_\_\_.
9. **Critical Thinking** Based on what you have read about the lengthy war in Iraq, how would you have responded to the public's criticism of the war had you been president at the time?