

**CHAPTER 19****Guided Reading Strategies 19.3****The Persian Gulf and Interior**

**READING THE SECTION** As you read the section, examine the descriptions of the Persian Gulf and interior countries below. For each description, place a check mark in the box next to the country being described.

1. A government dominated by ayatollahs came to power in this country in 1979.  
 Afghanistan       Iran       Iraq       Saudi Arabia
2. Fighting in this country has continued on and since the 1970s.  
 Afghanistan       Iran       Iraq       Saudi Arabia
3. This country is the world's largest exporter of oil.  
 Afghanistan       Iran       Iraq       Saudi Arabia
4. This country is ruled by a dictator named Saddam Hussein.  
 Afghanistan       Iran       Iraq       Saudi Arabia
5. A group called the Taliban came to power in this country in the 1990s.  
 Afghanistan       Iran       Iraq       Saudi Arabia
6. Today this country is a theocracy.  
 Afghanistan       Iran       Iraq       Saudi Arabia
7. This country is the caretaker of Mecca, Islam's holiest city.  
 Afghanistan       Iran       Iraq       Saudi Arabia
8. This country invaded Kuwait in 1990 to capture its rich oil fields.  
 Afghanistan       Iran       Iraq       Saudi Arabia

**POST-READING QUICK CHECK** After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, match each of the following countries with its capital.

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| _____ 1. Afghanistan  | a. Tehran  |
| _____ 2. Iran         | b. Baghdad |
| _____ 3. Iraq         | c. Kabul   |
| _____ 4. Saudi Arabia | d. Riyadh  |