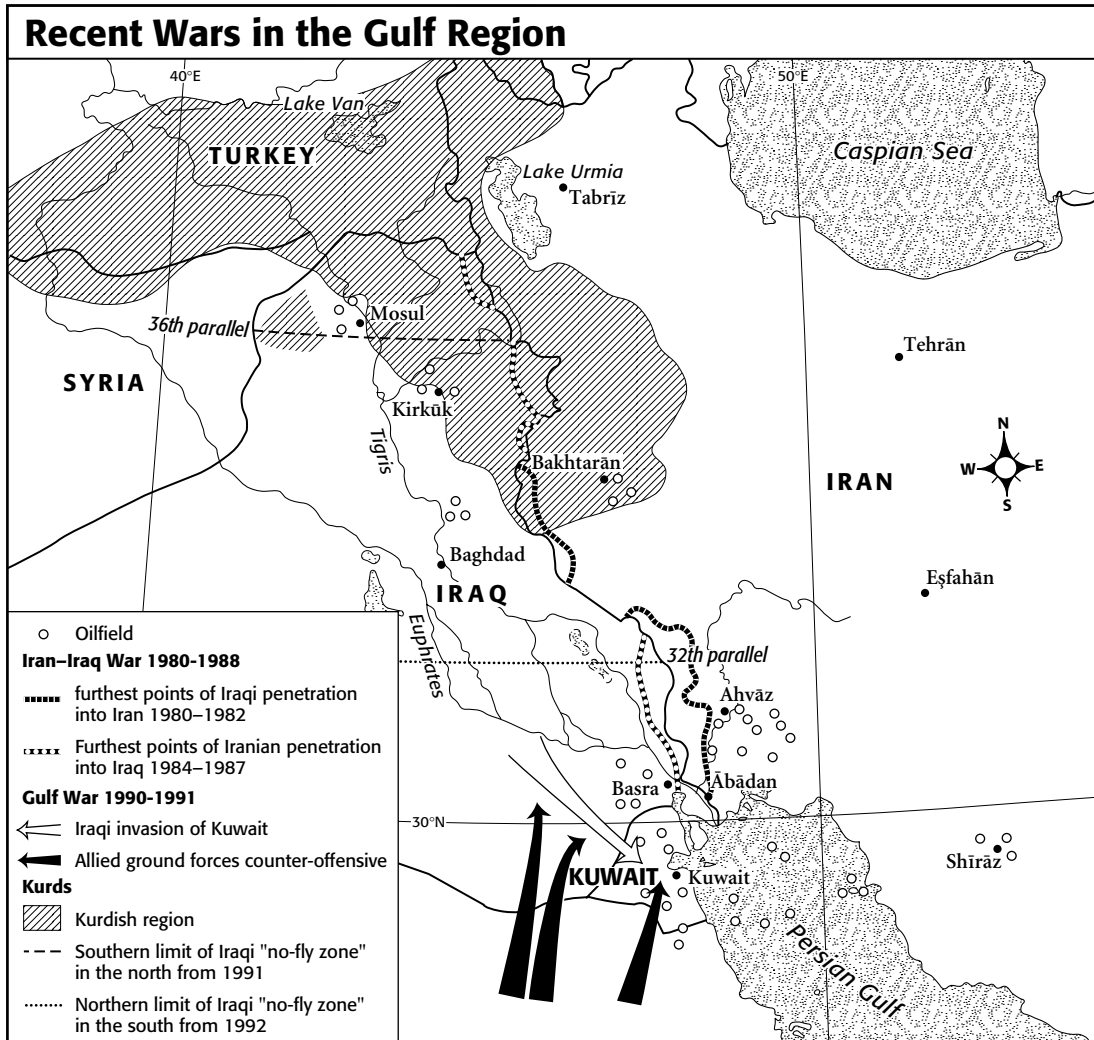


# CHAPTER 19

## Map Activity

### Persian Gulf Wars

The Persian Gulf is one of the most volatile regions in the world. In the past two decades, an explosive combination of politics, oil wealth, and ethnic and religious tensions has fueled two major wars in the Gulf region. The map below shows key features and results of those wars. Examine the map, then answer the questions on the following page.



**Chapter 19, Map Activity, continued**

1. What two wars are shown on the map? When did they take place?

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2. What two parts of Iran did Iraq attempt to invade? What lay just across the border in those areas?

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3. What does Kuwait have that might provoke an Iraqi invasion? From which country did the Allied forces launch their counter-attack?

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4. **Critical Thinking: Region** The Kurds are a distinct ethnic group that wants to create a separate state in Southwest Asia. Why would that be difficult?

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**ACTIVITY** After the Gulf War, the Allied forces imposed a trade embargo on Iraq. They also established no-fly zones to prevent Iraqi air strikes on ethnic minorities: the Kurds in the north and Shi'a Muslims in the south. Do research with a group of classmates to find out how these sanctions have worked. In your group, discuss the effects of these sanctions and whether they are appropriate or justified.