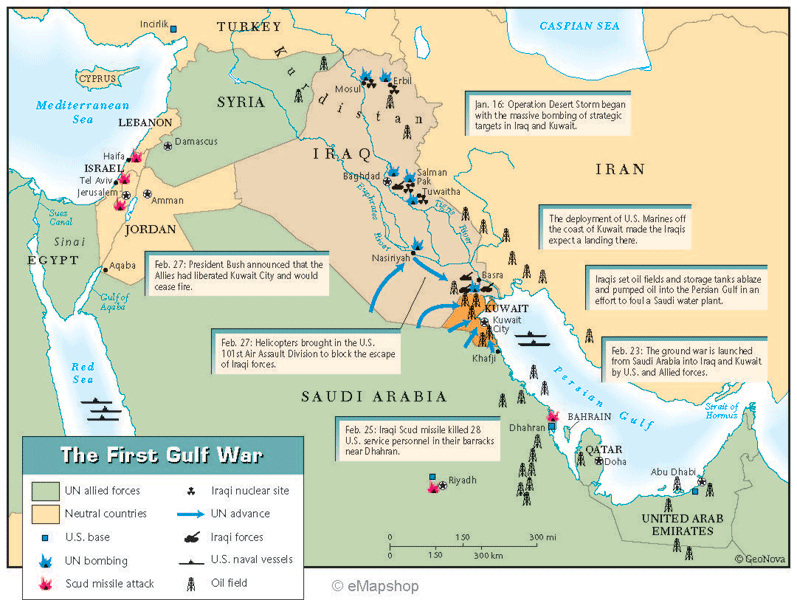
**The First Gulf War**

* Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in Aug. of 1990
* Kuwait had raised oil production
* This was in violation of an OPEC agreement

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* Resulted in a drop in global oil prices
* Iraq was deep in debt from the war with Iran
* Hussein was surprised at the backlash the Kuwaiti invasion caused

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* UN enacted a trade embargo on Iraq
* President Bush dispatched troops and planes to Saudi Arabia
* British and Arab forces joined
* *Operation Desert Shield:* mobilization of American reserve forces to stabilize the region

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* Peace efforts went nowhere
* Jan. of 1991 Congress authorized armed forces to liberate Kuwait
* 16 other nations committed ground troops to *Operation Desert Storm*

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* First allied cruise missile hit Iraq on Jan. 16

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* Allied ground assault lasted 4 days
* Iraqi soldiers surrendered by the thousands
* Cease fire called after 6 weeks

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* 137 American casualties
* Over 100,000 Iraqi casualties
* The Hussein regime remained intact

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* Hussein referred to the conflict as the “mother of all battles”
* Some Arabs were humiliated by the defeat
* This would spiral into a new war on terrorism