

## Sand, Sea, and Oil: Operation Desert Storm



*The 1990-1991 Persian Gulf War, fought following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, took place in a unique environment—arid, oil-rich desert, bordering on the Persian Gulf. How did the environment contribute to the character of the war? How was it damaged by the war? Decide if the following are true or false.*

1. The Kuwaiti landscape allowed Iraqi forces to easily hide from U.S. and allied air forces.  
 True                       False
2. By the end of the war, Iraqi forces had destroyed approximately 1/3 of Kuwait's oil wells.  
 True                       False
3. At its peak, an oil slick begun during the war affected more than 390 miles of coastline.  
 True                       False
4. Though the war damaged the Kuwaiti environment, it did not endanger the resources necessary to human life, such as crops and fresh water.  
 True                       False

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