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As Americans learned from the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and the invasion and occupation of Iraq, the politics and passions of the modern Middle East can no longer be regarded as "over there." We present an overview of the peoples, places, and faiths of the Middle East with special reference to the First Gulf War of 1991 and the Second Gulf War of 2003 to the present. Through books, articles, and films we study the situation in Iraq. After ousting the Taliban, President George W. Bush sent troops to Iraq and unseated Saddam Hussein. But skeptics at home and allies abroad question his strategy. The United States has attempted to bring stability and a democratic government to Iraq, but coalition forces are opposed by a multitude of foes waging a guerilla war.