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**Context**

Choosing a topic that is relevant to the task at hand is important. A topic should be chosen in a way it would further enhance the knowledge of the student. The document selected for this assignment from a range of topics is “Iraqi Aggression in Kuwait (1990)”. This topic revolves around the speech of the then-President George H.W. Bush. The President delivered this speech in the General Assembly of the United States on 1st October 1990. In the face of ongoing Iraqi aggression against a reliable ally in the Gulf, Bush highlighted the grave threat this aggression posed to the new world order. George H.W. Bush was the 41st President of the United States of America. Prior to becoming the President of the States, he had been an ambassador and director of the CIA. Bush also served in the navy till 1948. He was considered one of the youngest aviators in the history of the US Navy. Bush served as vice president under President Reagan. Bush signed an act called Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. The act changed the lives of more than 43 million people. Another important achievement of the Bush era was the NAFTA agreement. NAFTA stands for North American Free Trade Agreement. Under this trade agreement, duties and tariffs of many essentials were eliminated. Bush was conferred Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011. Sadly, this illustrious chapter of American history closed on November 30th, 2018.

**Summary**

It was the days of the collapse of the communist ideology. Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union were almost emancipated from the shackles of communism. The new world order was over the horizon. Amidst all this, Kuwait, a dependable ally in the Gulf region, was facing aggression from its neighboring Iraq. The threat to the new world order was immense. The US President, in the face of crisis, delivered a mammoth speech. In the speech, the President urged the international community to demonstrate resolve against any aggression towards any country. The President asked the representatives of the countries present in the assembly hall to work together to form a new partnership. A partnership that would denounce the notion of the cold war. Bush had a vision that humanity will move forward from its thirst of blood. Bush put forward a vision of strategic partnership. In this vision, regional and national organizations will play a major part. Cooperation and collective action will underpin this vision. Bush envisioned to see more democratic states and subsequent prosperity. In the face of proliferating newer military inventions, Bush envisioned peace. The most interesting this of this document is that the way the USA put forward its strong stance against the Iraqi aggression.

**Connections**

The speech of the President, Goerge H.W. Bush has remarkable significance when modern American history is taken into account. The President, on 16 January 1991, sanctioned "Operation Desert Storm". This operation was US forces led operation to counter the Iraqi aggression. The operation was concluded on 28th February and the President called a cease-fire.

The operation further consolidated US stance as a responsible major player in the world affairs that would do everything to maintain the world order.

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Soon after the conclusion of the war in Kuwait, the writers acknowledged the American air and military muscle. The Iraqi aggression against Kuwait saw unprecedented technological advancements on the military front. In today's America, the Patriot missile defense system is an example of the advancements. Another example can be F-35 stealth bomber fighter jets. These advancements have made American society a safe place to live in.