

## Student Worksheet

### DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

### STORY

**Iraqis, U.S. Military Negotiate Future of American Troop Presence** 10/28/08

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/july-dec08/iraq\\_10-28.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/july-dec08/iraq_10-28.html)

### READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What will happen if the Iraqi government does not agree on a plan for U.S. troops?

2. When would all U.S. troops need to be out of Iraq under the agreement?

3. Name one of the ways the agreement would affect what actions soldiers can take?

4. What does the U.N. mandate allow U.S. forces to do and when does it expire?

5. What is Barack Obama's plan for troops in Iraq?

6. What is John McCain's plan for troops in Iraq?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. Imagine you are an Iraqi citizen how do you feel about the agreement? Would you be in favor of it or against it? Why?**

**2. Some of the Iraqi political groups have come out against the pact, why do you think they are against it?**

**3. Why do you think that the Iraqi government is seeking to regain some of its sovereignty?**

**Extension Activity**

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra ([extra@newshour.org](mailto:extra@newshour.org)). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.