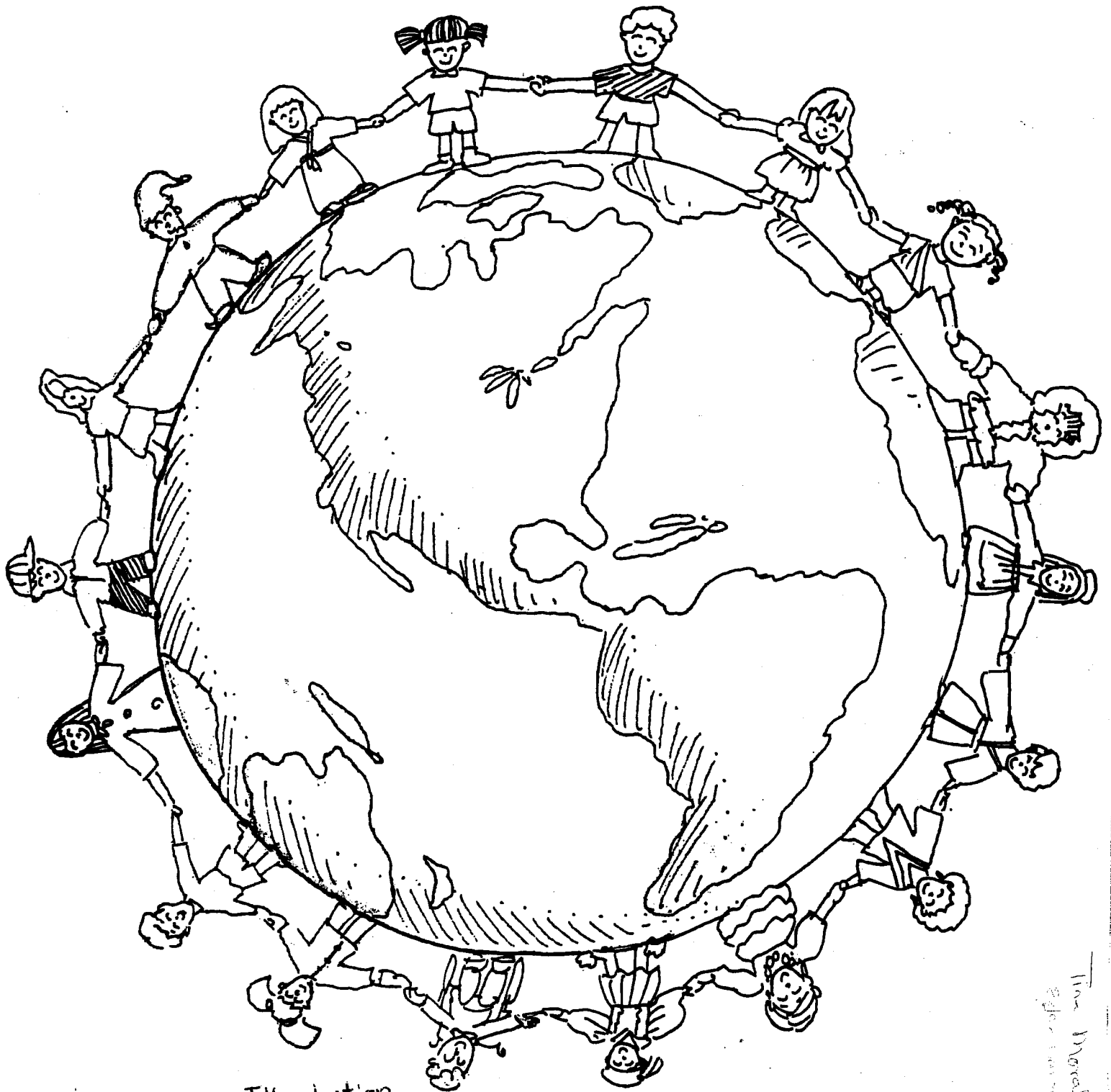


Let's Visit Iraq

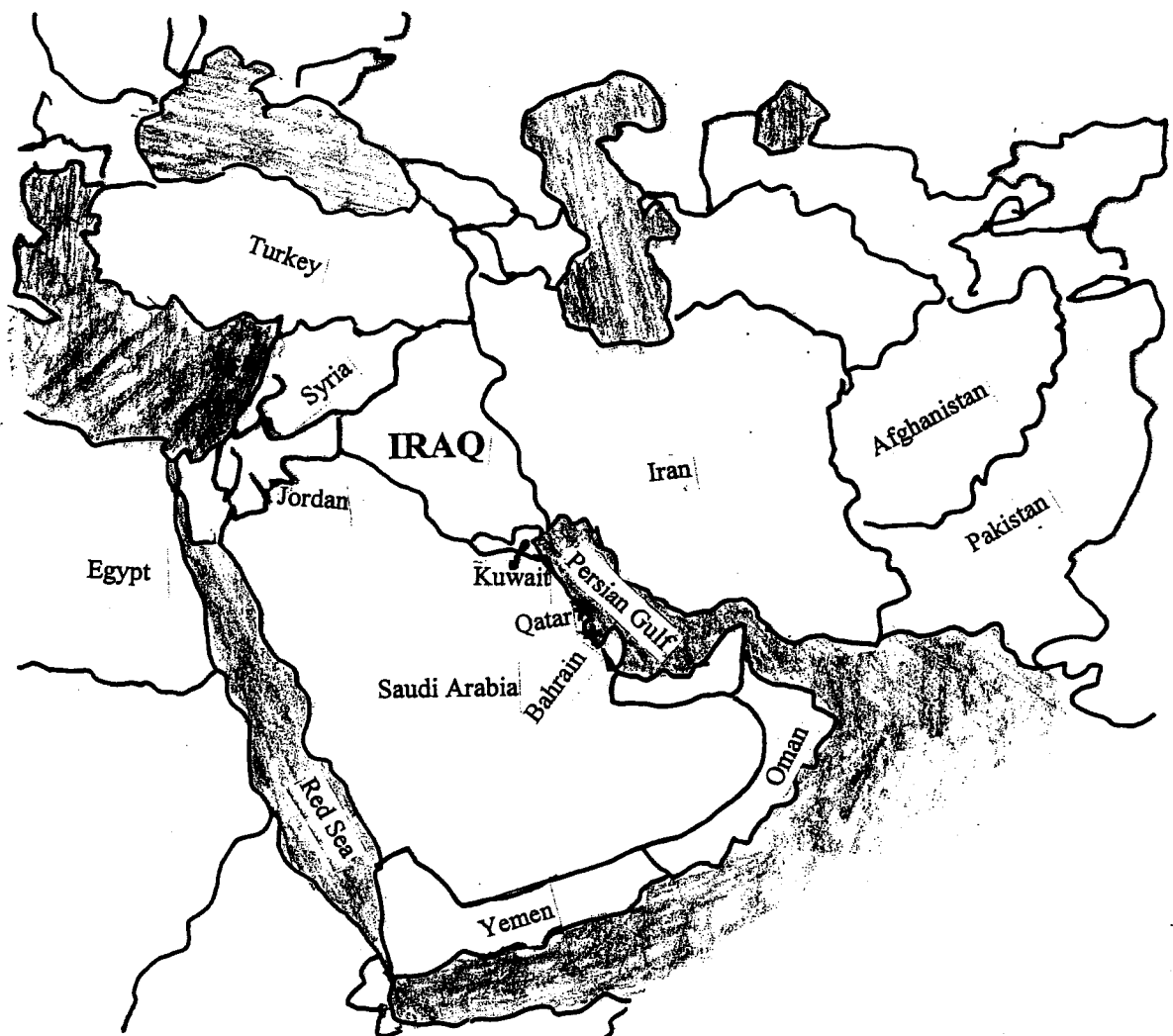


TEXT AND Illustration
By Carolyn Absher

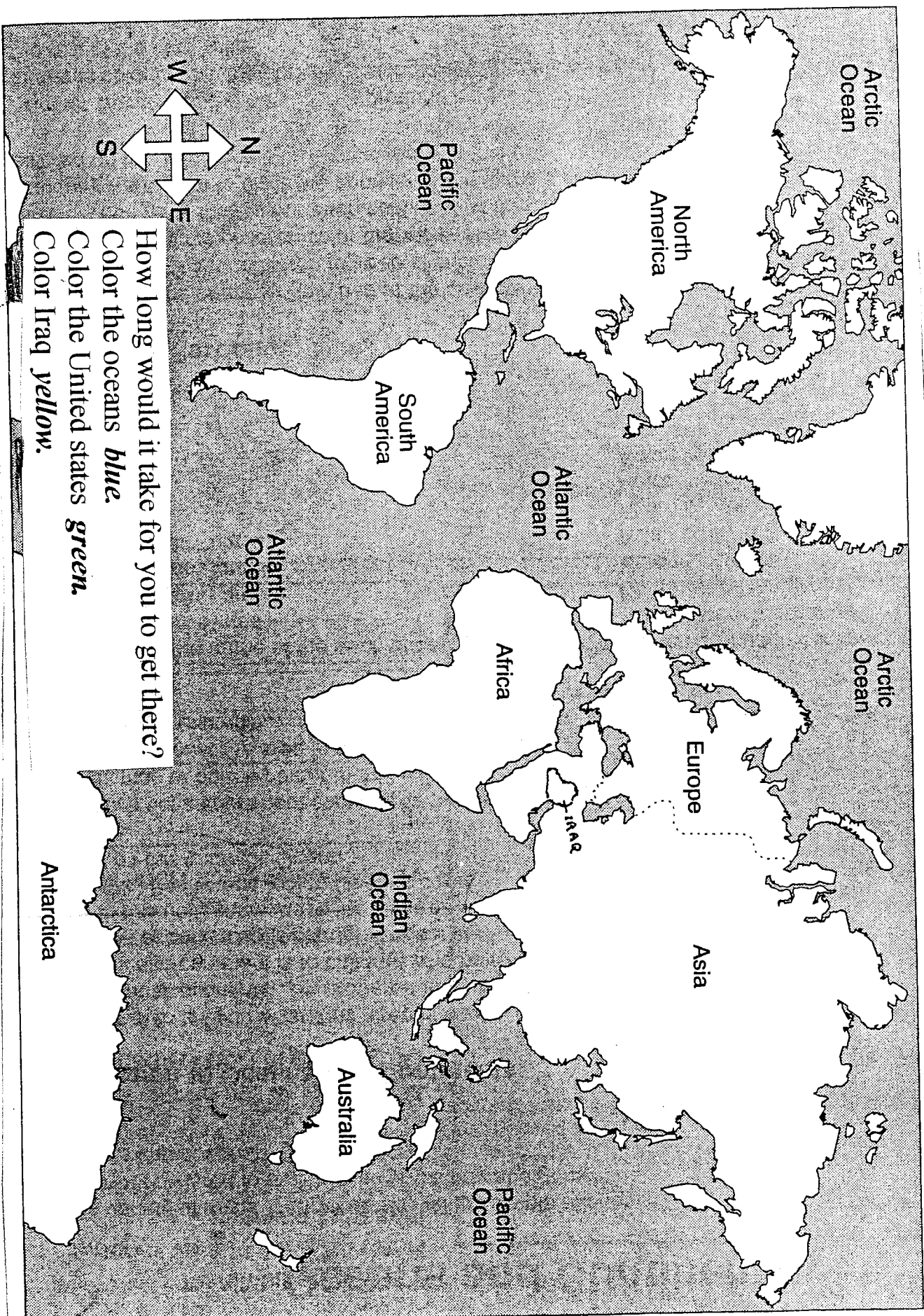
Tom Hovakian
Editor

Where is Iraq?

Iraq is on the continent of Asia. That part of Asia is called the Middle East. The countries of Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the Persian Gulf surround it.

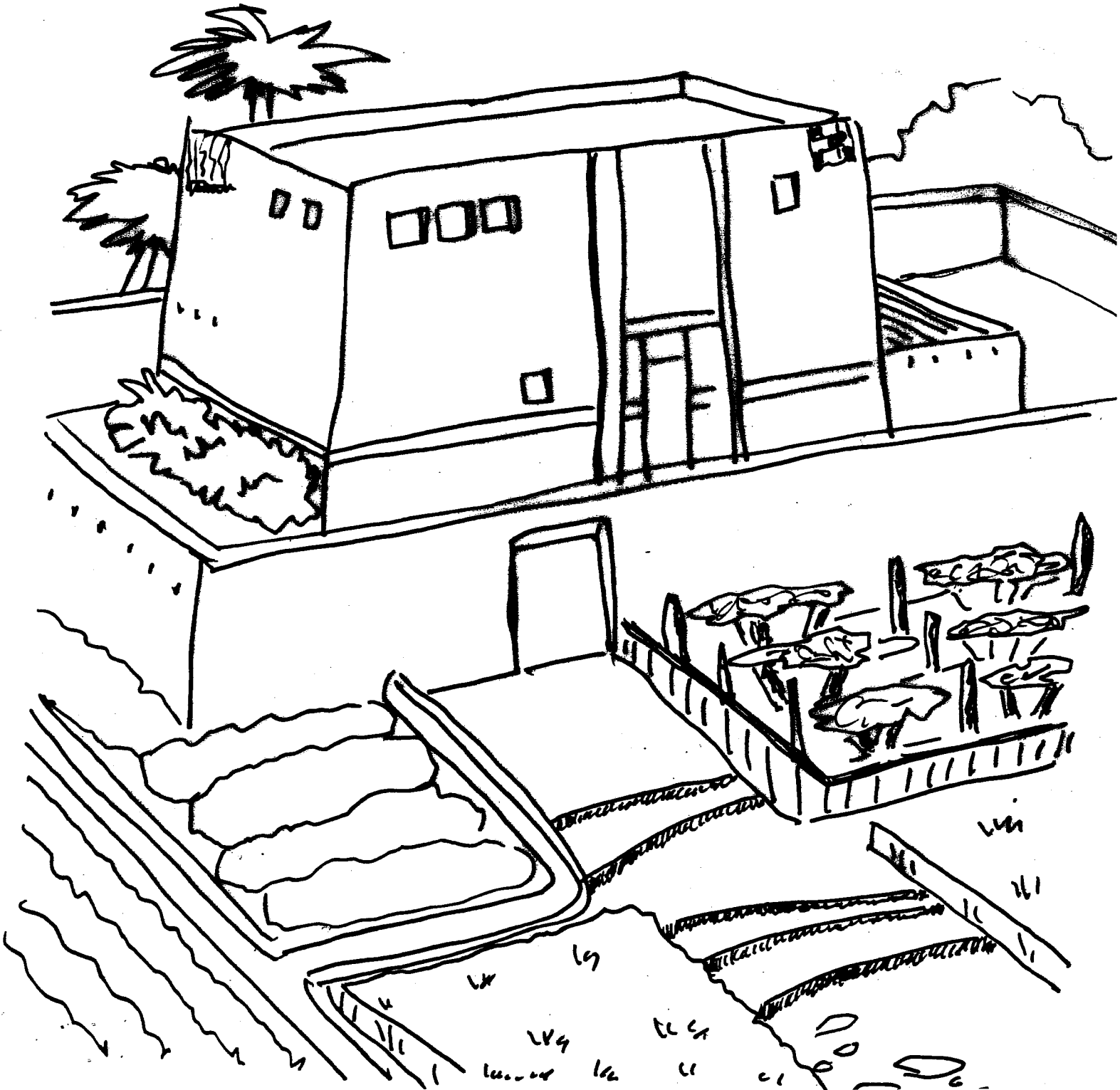


How far is Iraq from where you live?



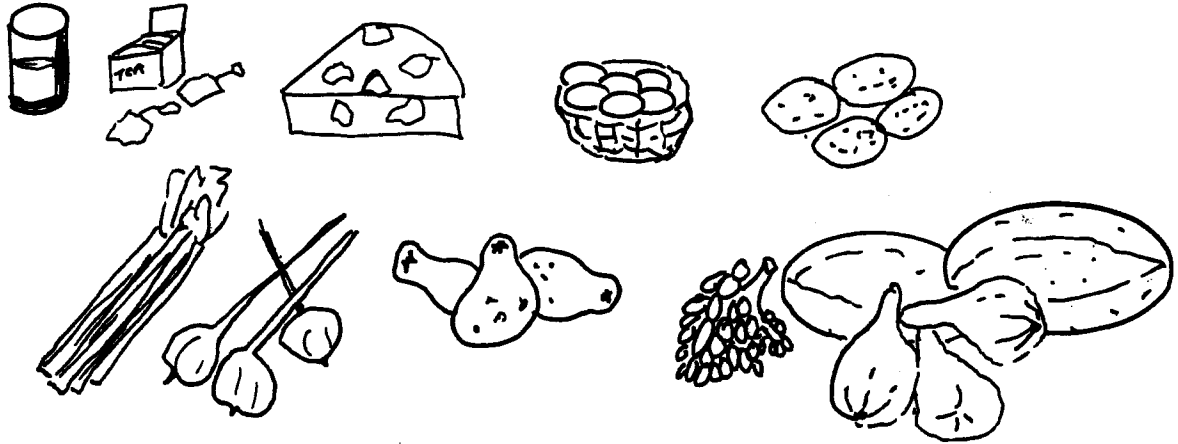
What do the homes in Iraq look like?

Homes in Iraq look much like the adobe homes in Texas and New Mexico. They have flat roofs and the families enjoy sitting on the tops of their houses at night. Sometimes in the hot summers, they sleep outside on the roof.

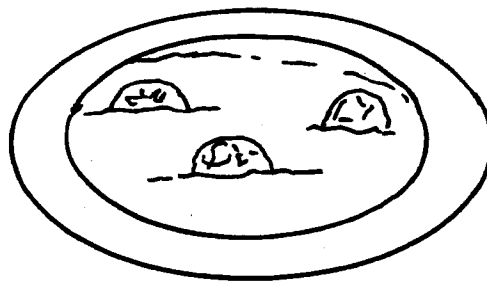


What kind of food do they have in Iraq?

Many foods eaten and grown in Iraq are the same as we eat. For breakfast families drink tea and milk.



Cheese, bread, eggs, and potatoes are also breakfast items. For Lunch the children might eat vegetables, eggs and sometimes cooked chicken rolled up in a pancake.



They also have traditional foods such a kebabs or kubba. Kubba is a pasta shell filled with meat spices, nuts and onions. These are fried and served with vegetables or yogurt.

The Evening Meal

This family is enjoying their evening meal together. Their meals are served sitting on the floor on a very special cloth. Many families eat in the living room because it is the largest room in their home.



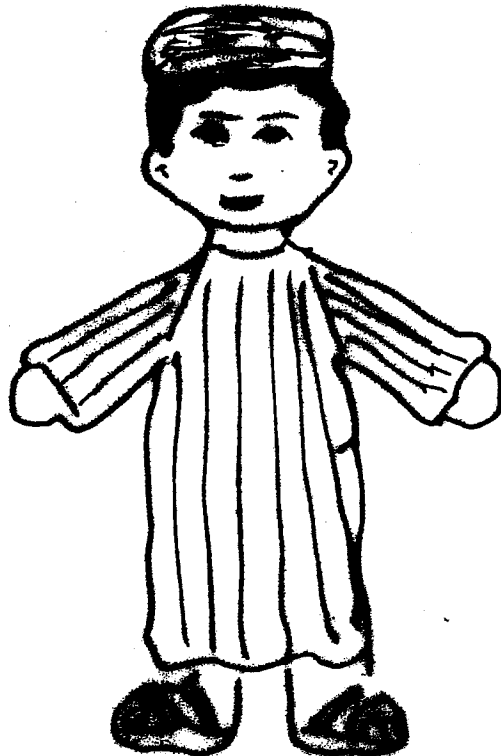
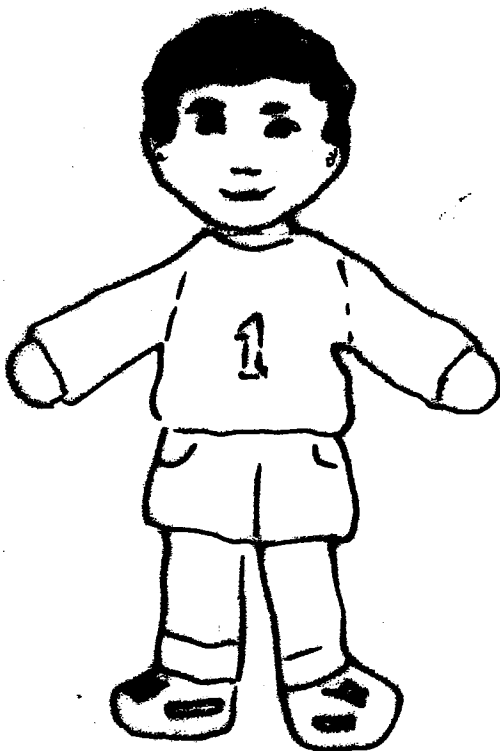
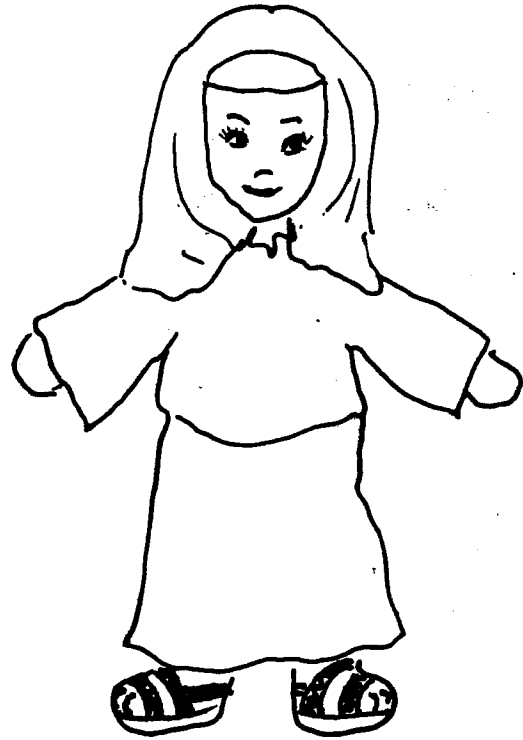
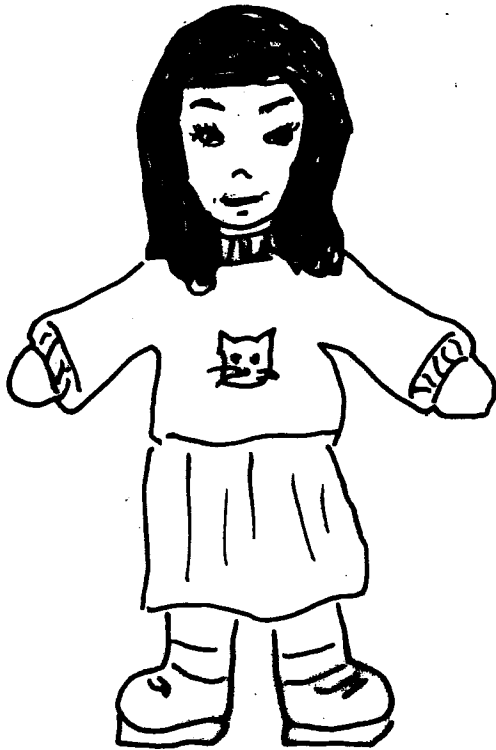
What clothes do they wear in Iraq?

Boys and girls in Iraq wear clothes just like we do in the United States, but sometimes they like to dress in *traditional* clothing.



Can you color these?

These children are dressed in both their western and traditional clothing.



What are schools in Iraq like?

This boy is reading the Koran, the holy book of Islam, with gloves on. He is careful not to soil the pages. Local schools are open from seven in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon. But each child only spends about three hours there each day. There aren't enough teachers for them to spend a whole day at school.



Is Iraq a Land of *New* or *Old*?

Iraq is a land of new things and old things living together. This is a picture of oil fields in the background with camels and herders watching from a hill. Iraq is a very unusual land.



What do families in Iraq do for fun?

Families in **Iraq** enjoy many of the same things that our families do. Television is popular, especially music programs. Outdoor sports such as soccer are a national pastime. This family is enjoying a picnic in the country while the children practice their soccer.

