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One of the most important legacies of George W. Bush’s presidency is the on-going conflict in Iraq. Bush’s Iraq legacy, however, remains contentious, in part because there is little agreement regarding the origins of the war, its course and its significance, and in part because we still do not know how the story ends. In this course, we will examine the decision to invade Iraq, the post-invasion occupation and insurgency, and speculate on what this war was and is about and where it is going.

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