**Background Reading – Part II**

**Step 1 – re-read the modified news story below.**

**Step 2 - Discuss article with a partner. Do you understand more than you did before?**

**If so, write your new GIST/summary statement in the space below.**

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The diplomatic (*to resolve through discussion)* defeat forced Bush to move toward war accompanied by Britain, Spain, Australia and a handful of other nations in his self-described "coalition (*group or team*) of the willing."

Former President George W. Bush's administration cited (used as evidence) its belief that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's government held weapons of mass destruction to justify the decision to go to war. US and allied (friends of the USA) forces later found that such stockpiles (Storage areas full of weapons) did not exist.

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**Step 1 - read the news story below. Circle vocabulary that you cannot understand.**

**Step 2 - Discuss article with a partner. Can you understand the GIST of the article?**

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**Step 3 - Turn page over for a modified version to help you understand the difficult vocabulary.**

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