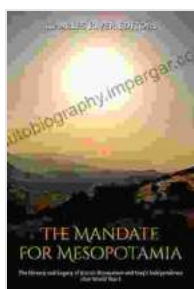


# The History and Legacy of British Occupation and Iraq's Independence After World War I

The history of British occupation and Iraq's independence after World War I is a complex and multifaceted one. The British occupation began in 1914, when Britain invaded Iraq as part of its campaign against the Ottoman Empire. The occupation lasted until 1932, when Iraq gained independence. However, the legacy of British occupation continues to shape Iraq today.

## The British Occupation

The British occupation of Iraq was a period of significant change for the country. The British introduced a number of new policies, including the establishment of a new legal system, the of a new currency, and the creation of a new education system. These policies had a profound impact on Iraqi society, and many of them remain in place today.



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The British occupation was also a time of great violence. The British army committed numerous atrocities against the Iraqi people, including the use of chemical weapons. The British also suppressed Iraqi nationalism, and they imprisoned or exiled many Iraqi leaders.

## **Iraq's Independence**

Iraq gained its independence from Britain in 1932. However, the country remained under British influence for many years after independence. The British continued to control Iraq's foreign policy and military, and they maintained a military presence in the country.

Iraq's independence was also a time of great instability. The country was plagued by coups and assassinations, and it was not until the 1970s that Iraq began to experience a period of relative stability.

## **The Legacy of British Occupation**

The legacy of British occupation continues to shape Iraq today. The country's political system, legal system, and education system are all based on the British models that were introduced during the occupation. The British occupation also left a deep scar on Iraqi society, and the country continues to struggle with the legacy of colonialism.

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