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**Study questions**

**Chapter 22**

1. What type of ‘new war’ elements do you find in Iraq after the 2003 invasion?
2. What is the difference between a ‘fierce state’ and a ‘strong state’? Use examples from the developing world.
3. Explain why the democratization process led to the centralization of power in the Shi’a and Kurdish parties.
4. What were the consequences of the rapid completion of the constitutional drafting process?
5. What are the goals of the insurgent groups in Iraq?
6. Who are the insurgent groups composed of, and whom do they represent?
7. What can the Iraqi example teach us about the emergence and escalation of sectarianism, which is a relatively new phenomenon in this country?
8. What were the policy priorities of the international community after the invasion?
9. How could the post-invasion reconstruction process have obtained more legitimacy?
10. Have Iraq’s challenges of reconstruction and peacebuilding become easier to solve after the US withdrew its troops in 2011?