

# From *Where With Love?*

"From Baghdad With Love" is set in 2004, 20 months into the Iraq war. It takes place in Falluja, a city riddled with violence. In this activity you will think about how this unique setting affects the story of a man trying to rescue an abandoned animal.

**Directions:** Answer the questions below.

**Step 1:** Describe Falluja using details expressed in the article.

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**Step 2:** Life for an abandoned dog is always dangerous. But the setting of this story makes life particularly dangerous for Lava and presents special challenges to those trying to rescue him. With this in mind, answer the questions below.

1. Why is Lava's life in danger because of the setting? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. As a result of the setting, what challenges does Lt. Col. Kopelman face while trying to save Lava? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. As a result of the setting, what challenges do others face while helping Lt. Col. Kopelman? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How does Lava's life change after he is safe and sound in America? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Write Now!

Now think about how the story would be different if it took place in a peaceful American city. Would it be as interesting or thrilling to read? Write a well-organized paragraph explaining your answer.