# Argo – Iran

In 1979 there was a revolution in Iran. Why did it happen? What were the causes?

**Vocabulary:** Match the following vocabulary to their meaning in the table below.

ruthless to nationalize to depose to settle a score

to elect to enrage to overthrow a coup d'état

1. When a government of a country takes control of a private	to nationalize
company or industry	
2. Forcibly remove a person or government from power	1. to depose
(Two words)	2. to overthrow
3. Choose a person by voting	to elect
4. Make someone very angry	to enrage
5. Resolve an old conflict, usually without considering the other person, often vengeful	to settle a score
6. Take control of a country with violent or illegal means	a coup d'état
7. Having no pity or compassion, doing something without caring	ruthless
about or considering other people	

## **Questions (Gist):**

1. What was Iran formerly called?

### Persia / The Persian Empire

2. What did the Iranians call their kings?

#### **Shahs**

3. What happened to the ruler of Iran in 1979?

The Shah was overthrown and forced into exile in the USA

### Question (Detail): Take notes.

Write down a list of the events which led to the Iranian Revolution.