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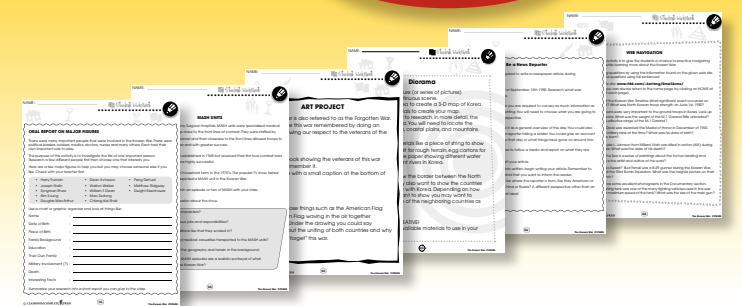
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Major Figures



1. Harry S. Truman was the U.S. President when the Korean War started. Without doing any research try and list some facts you already know about him.

2. List some reasons why it is important to know who the U.S. President was during the War.

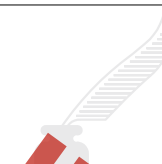
3. Have you ever heard of Joseph Stalin? Can you name the country he was from and who he was?

4. General Douglas MacArthur played an important role in the Korean War. Whose side was he on and what was his role in Korea? How did he become famous?

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Major Figures



President Harry S. Truman was born May 8, 1884 and died on December 26, 1972. He was the thirty-third President of the United States and held that office from 1945 until 1953. Prior to becoming President he served as a U.S. Senator from 1935 until 1945. Truman's presidency was a very eventful one and he was responsible for many of the major world changes that occurred in those years. Truman was in office for the end of World War II in Europe and issued the orders to drop the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, ending the war against Japan. He was a strong supporter for the creation of the United Nations and was responsible for his famous Truman Doctrine which called for the containment of communism. As the Korean War dragged on Truman's popularity steadily declined, even more so after he fired General Douglas MacArthur and relieved him of his commands in the Pacific theatre during the war.

Who was the U.S. President at the start of the Korean War?



Joseph Stalin was born on December 18, 1878 and died March 5, 1953. He was the leader, or General Secretary, of the Soviet Union from 1922 until his death in 1953. Stalin was instrumental in leading the Soviet Union in its defense against Nazi Germany when it invaded Russia in World War II and then played a major role in helping the Allies defeat Nazi Germany. Stalin's Communist Party started large-scale industrialization in the Soviet Union and introduced collectivization, which took away individual ownership of land and labor and made them into collectives, or state run farms. Stalin signed a

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Major Figures



treaty of alliance with China in 1950 after the Communist Party won a civil war in China. Together they helped supply weapons and military advisors to the new communist government in North Korea. It was Stalin that eventually gave the go-ahead to North Korean leader Kim Il-sung, authorizing a Soviet-backed invasion of South Korea.

Kim Il-sung was born on April 15, 1912 and died on July 8, 1994. He was the General Secretary of the Workers Party of Korea and leader of North Korea from its beginnings in 1948 until his death in 1994. Kim Il-sung gained fame and a reputation fighting with Chinese guerillas against the Japanese. He was later forced to flee to the Soviet Union where he and his men received more training from the Soviets. He became a Captain in the Soviet Red Army and was with the Soviet forces when they entered North Korea in 1945. When he was installed as the leader of North Korea by the occupying Soviets he set about building an army made up of experienced guerilla fighters and veterans who had fought against the Japanese. He also formed an Air Force and sent pilots to the Soviet Union and China to train. Kim Il-sung was able to expand his army with the help of Stalin and the Soviets who supplied him with Soviet tanks, heavy and small arms, military advisors, and aircraft.

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Major Figures



1. Connect the word with the statement that fits:

1	Truman	1st President of South Korea	A
2	Stalin	Democratic Country	B
3	Soviet Union	Captain in the Soviet Red Army	C
4	United States	33rd President of the United States	D
5	Kim Il-Sung	Relieved of his duties by Truman	E
6	Syngman Rhee	Communist Country	F
7	General Douglas MacArthur	Leader of the Soviet Union	G

2. Match the words with their meanings. Use a dictionary if you need to.

Brigadier popular United Nations atomic Nazi invasion collectives

- _____ An officer in the British army commanding a Brigade and ranking immediately below a major general
- _____ The incoming or spread of something usually harmful
- _____ The majority
- _____ Relating to or concerned with atoms
- _____ Political organization established in 1945
- _____ A cooperative unit or organization
- _____ A member of a German fascist party controlling Germany from 1933 to 1945

3. Explain why Truman's popularity declined as the war in Korea progressed.

4. Why do you think that the United States backed Syngman Rhee and his political party to lead the new government in South Korea?

Map Exercise

Label the Map of Korea with the following:

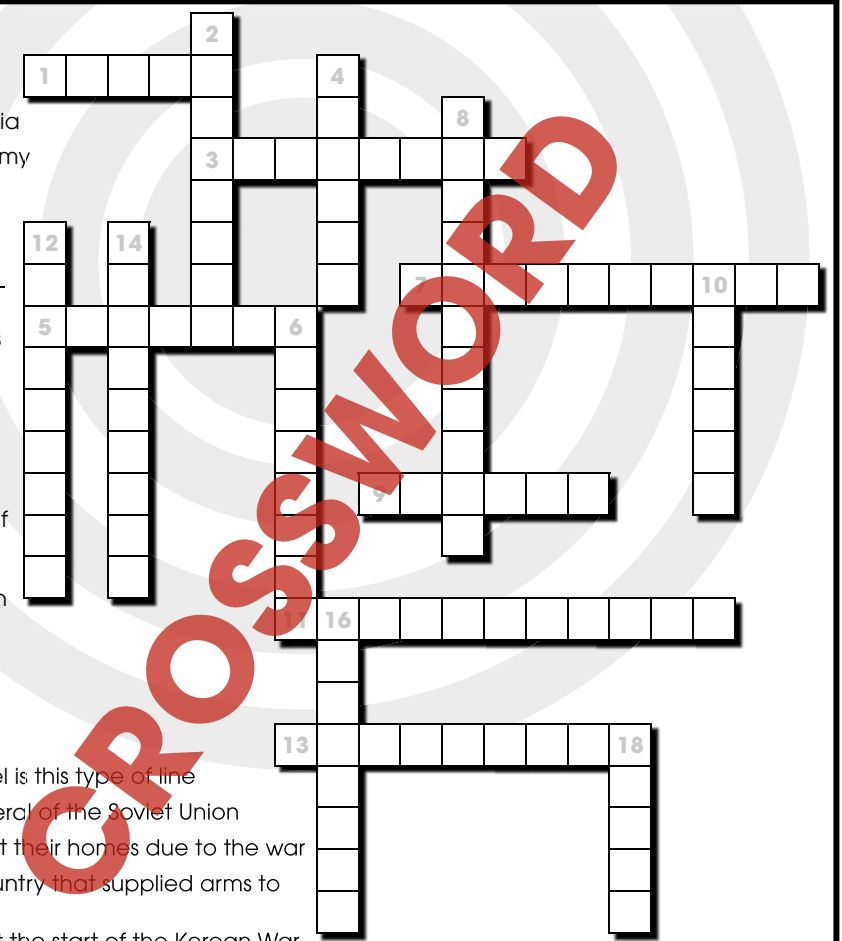
- D.M.Z. - Demilitarized Zone
- Seoul
- Inchon
- Pusan - Battle of the Pusan Perimeter
- Pyongyang
- Chosin Reservoir
- Yellow Sea
- China Sea
- China
- Russia



Crossword Puzzle!

Across

1. Small country bordering on China and Russia
3. Attack of an army for conquest
5. In the Cold War both sides feared a _____ war
7. This aircraft was first used in the Korean War
9. Type of bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
11. First president of South Korea
13. North Korea, the Soviet Union and China had this type of government



Down

2. the 38th parallel is this type of line
4. Secretary General of the Soviet Union
6. people who lost their homes due to the war
8. Communist country that supplied arms to North Korea
10. U.S. President at the start of the Korean War
12. A piece of land nearly surrounded by water
14. U.S. General - Commander of UN forces
16. A type of Soviet propeller plane used by the North Korean Air Force
18. These mobile weapons gave North Korea a big advantage at the start of the war

Atomic	MacArthur	Syngmanrhee
Communist	Nuclear	Tanks
Helicopter	Peninsula	Truman
Invasion	Refugees	Yakovlev
Korea	Soviet Union	
Latitude	Stalin	

Comprehension Quiz

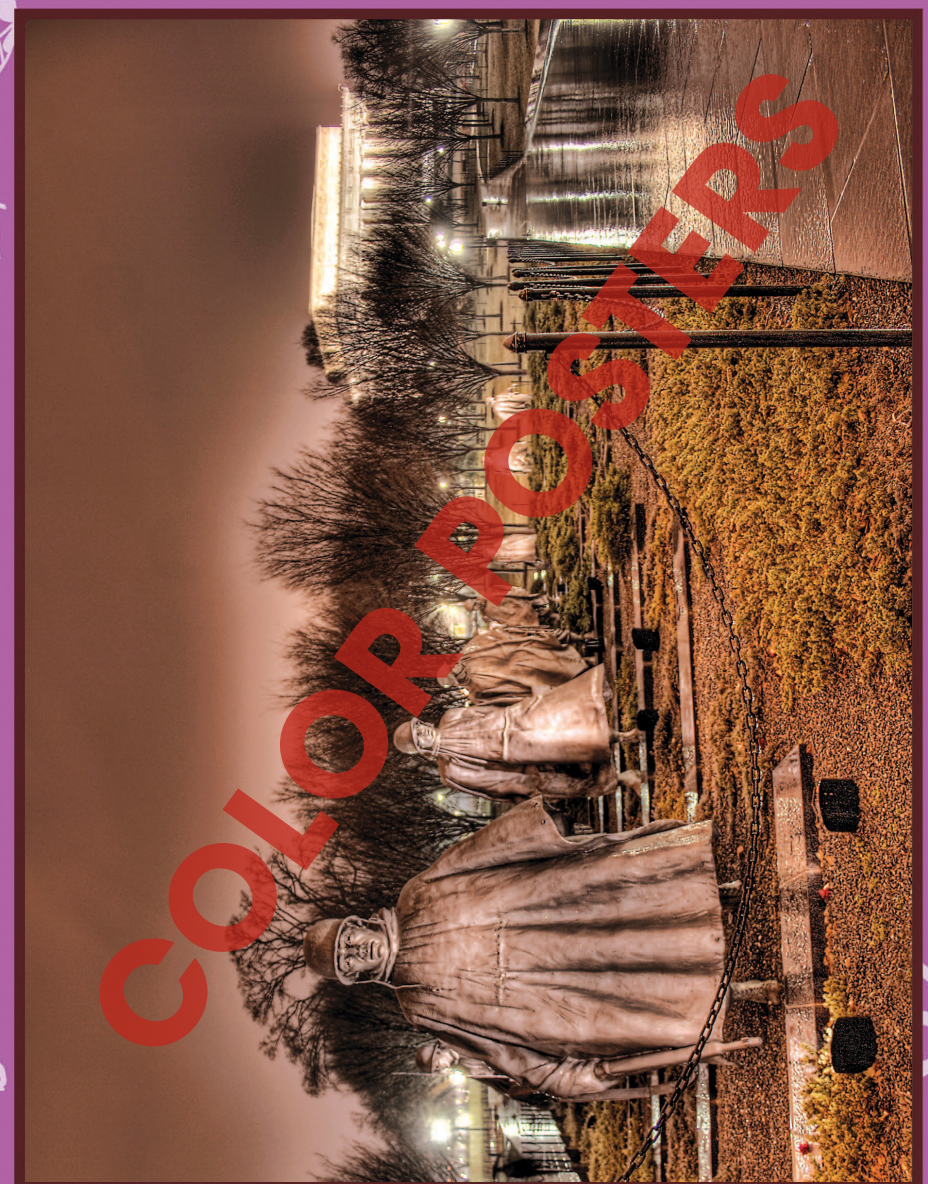
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Part A

1. When did the Korean War start?
 - A. June 25, 1948
 - B. June 25, 1941
 - C. June 25, 1950
 - D. June 25, 1949
2. North Korea is mostly made up of:
 - A. Mountains
 - B. Plains
 - C. Lowlands
 - D. None of the above
3. DMZ stands for:
 - A. Decomposed Military Zone
 - B. Demilitarized Zone
 - C. Decommissioned Monetary Zone
 - D. None of the above
4. The Han River flows through:
 - A. Nakdong
 - B. Pusan
 - C. Chosin
 - D. Seoul
5. Who was the US President when the Korean War started?
 - A. Truman
 - B. Eisenhower
 - C. Stalin
 - D. George W. Bush
6. Kim Il-sung was:
 - A. Leader of North Korea
 - B. Secretary General
 - C. A Captain in the Soviet Red Army
 - D. All of the above
7. South Korean military and police forces executed people for being:
 - A. Democratic
 - B. Communist
 - C. Korean
 - D. American
8. In the United States the Korean War is often referred to as:
 - A. A police action
 - B. The Korean Conflict
 - C. The Senseless War
 - D. a and b
9. The Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC was dedicated by:
 - A. Clinton
 - B. Bush
 - C. Truman
 - D. Eisenhower
10. How many United Nations countries were involved in the war?
 - A. 25
 - B. 24
 - C. 20
 - D. 22

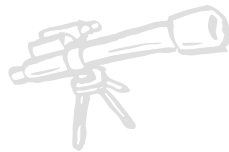
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The Korean War Memorial Washington, D.C.



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After You Read 



Major Battles



3. Explain why North Korea had so much success in the beginning of the Korean War?

4. Circle the word or phrase that does not belong in each line below.

- | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| a) Inchon | Choisin Reservoir | Pusan | Dieppe |
| b) Canada | China | United States | Britain |
| c) Truman | MacArthur | Stalin | Kim Il-Sung |

5. Use a dictionary to define the word **amphibious**. Describe the significance of the word amphibious as it has to do with the Battle of Inchon.

6. After MacArthur's victories at Inchon and Seoul the North Koreans were in full retreat back north. What eventually brought the Chinese into the war? Explain your answer.

3.
Answers will vary

1.
Answers will vary

Five Years Later
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1.
Corsair, Hell Cat, Wild Cat, B-40 War Hawk. They were propeller driven engines

1.
a) TRUE

b) FALSE

c) TRUE

d) FALSE

e) TRUE

f) TRUE

g) FALSE

h) FALSE

2.
Answers will vary

2.
Answers will vary

4.
a) Dieppe

b) China

c) MacArthur

5.
amphibious- executed by coordinated action of land, sea and air forces organized for invasion (amphibious landing)

3.
Answers will vary

3.
propulsion- the action or process of propelling. like jet propulsion

6.
Answers will vary

4.
Yes

2.
Answers will vary

4.
Leonardo Da Vinci

25

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3.
Answers will vary

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