






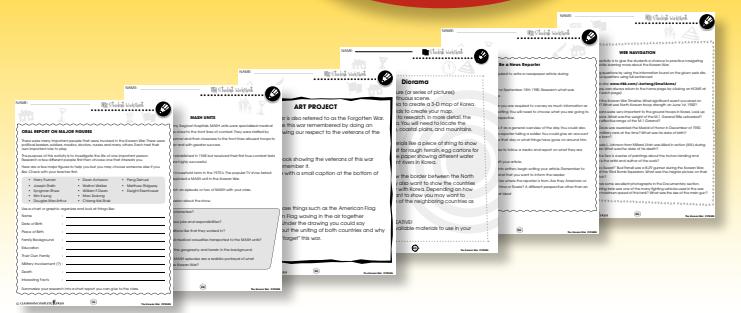
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## Background and Causes

- Can you think of a reason why there would have been a Korean War?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Do some research on your classroom computer and see if you can list a couple of reasons why the Korean War happened.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you think this type of war could happen in the present? Explain your answer.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Can you think of something that is going on in the world presently that may compare to the Korean War?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



## Background and Causes

**D**uring the fighting in World War II several different countries became allies in order to defeat Germany in Europe and then Japan in the Pacific Theatre. Two of the major powers in that alliance were the United States and Russia; however it was always an uneasy alliance at best. The two countries had very different political backgrounds- the United States being a Democratic country and Russia being a Communist country. When World War II ended there was a great deal of mistrust between the allies and they argued over how post-war Europe and Asia should be divided and governed in order to reconstruct. Eventually the mistrust and arguing led to what is called the Cold War. The Cold War was a long period of conflict and tension between the United States and the Soviet Union along with their allies as each sought to outdo the other in terms of building their militaries and nuclear weapons, spying, and forming political alliances. The United States' main concern was to "contain" communism and keep it from spreading.



**STOP** What were the two major countries in alliance during World War II?



## Background and Causes

- Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.
  - The United States and Russia were allies after WW II.  
 TRUE      FALSE
  - The Cold War was a long period of conflict and tension between the United States and the Soviet Union.  
 TRUE      FALSE
  - China seized control of Korea in the early 1900's.  
 TRUE      FALSE
  - South Korea was occupied by Soviet forces.  
 TRUE      FALSE
  - The United States backed leader Syngman Rhee.  
 TRUE      FALSE
  - Syngman Rhee was a communist.  
 TRUE      FALSE
  - The Soviets and U.S. forces withdrew from Korea in 1949.  
 TRUE      FALSE
  - North Korea attacked South Korea in June of 1950.  
 TRUE      FALSE
- Fill in the blanks using the list of words found below.  
**surrender    political    parallel    south    liberate    Soviet    north**  
 After the \_\_\_\_\_ of Germany, the allies devised a plan to \_\_\_\_\_ Korea from Japan. Soviet forces entered Korea from the \_\_\_\_\_ and the United States landed in the \_\_\_\_\_. Japan was defeated and surrendered. Korea was then divided along the 38th \_\_\_\_\_ of latitude. The north was occupied by \_\_\_\_\_ forces and the south was occupied by United States forces. Each set up governments conformed to their own \_\_\_\_\_ ideas.
 

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## A Mock United Nations

This is your chance to get a world perspective through the eyes of the United Nations. Each student or small group of students can pick a country from the United Nations that they are going to represent. Look at all the reasons and causes of the Korean War. Have an open United Nations debate about entering into the Korean War.

Think about your perspective country's views on being involved or staying out of the conflict. Why or why not be involved?

The Soviet Union was absent from the vote regarding the Korean War. What if the Soviet Union had been present at the debate? The students representing the Soviet Union will need to do research on the government's communist views and how they are different from others.

List your findings below.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





# Crossword Puzzle!



**Across**

- Small country bordering on China and Russia
- Attack of an army for conquest
- In the Cold War both sides feared a \_\_\_\_\_ war
- This aircraft was first used in the Korean War
- Type of bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- First president of South Korea
- North Korea, the Soviet Union and China had this type of government



**Down**

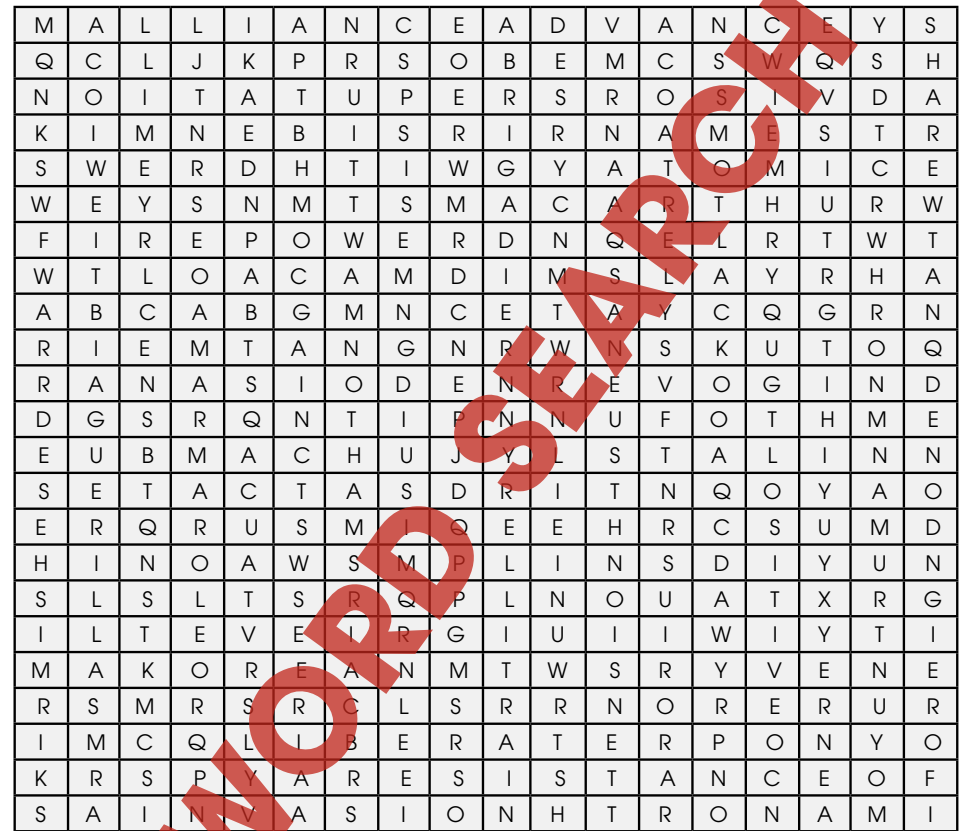
- the 38th parallel is this type of line
- Secretary General of the Soviet Union
- people who lost their homes due to the war
- Communist country that supplied arms to North Korea
- U.S. President at the start of the Korean War
- A piece of land nearly surrounded by water
- U.S. General - Commander of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

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



# Word Puzzle

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.



**Word List**

Advance	Artillery	Fought	Latitude	Reputation	Stalin
Advisors	Atomic	Governed	Liberate	Resistance	Tension
Air	Brigadier	Guerillas	MacArthur	Rhee	Truman
Alliance	Firepower	Invasion	Nation	Skirmishes	War
Arms	Foreign	Korea	North	South	Withdrew



# Comprehension Quiz

**Part B**

Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- North Korea had a definite advantage over the South at the beginning of the war.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- North Korea did not want to invade the South without having the approval and backing of the Soviet Union.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- The Soviets refused to supply North Korea with tanks and heavy arms.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- Syngman Rhee was the 33rd president of South Korea.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- Rhee spent some time in prison for his political views.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- President Truman relieved General Douglas MacArthur of his commands because he didn't agree with his views on the Korean War.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- There were no United Nations military forces involved in the Korean War.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- Task Force Smith was the first military engagement by American troops in the Korean War.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- Immediately after the end of World War II the United States began a large military build-up.  
**TRUE FALSE**
- Helicopters were first used in combat in the Korean War.  
**TRUE FALSE**

SUBTOTAL: /10

# Topographical Map Korea & Area



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

After You Read 

# Comprehension Quiz

## Part A

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



SUBTOTAL: /10



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## The Answers

A	D	V	A	N	C	E	Y	S
B	E	M	C	S	W	Q	S	H
R	S	R	O	S	I	V	D	A
I	R	N	A	M	E	S	T	R
G	Y	A	T	O	M	I	C	E
A	C	A	R	T	H	U	R	W
D	N	Q	E	L	R	T	W	T
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N	E	V	O	G	I	N		
O	N	U	F	O	T	H	M	E
Y	L	S	T	A	L	I	N	N
R	I	T	N	Q	O	Y	A	O
E	E	H	R	C	S	U	M	D
L	I	N	S	D	Y	U	N	
L	N	O	U	A	T	X	R	G
I	U	I	I	W	I	Y	T	I
T	W	S	R	Y	V	E	N	E
R	R	N	O	R	E	R	U	R
A	T	E	R	P	O	N	Y	O
I	S	T	A	N	C	E	O	F
N	H	T	R	O	N	A	M	I

## Part A

- C
- A
- B
- D
- A
- D
- B
- D
- A
- A



## Part B

- TRUE
- TRUE
- FALSE
- FALSE
- TRUE
- TRUE
- FALSE
- TRUE
- FALSE
- TRUE

