






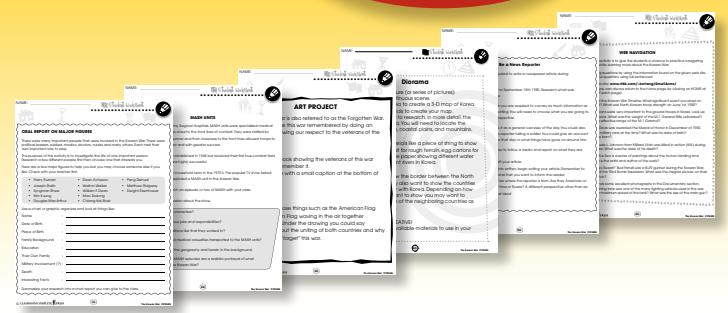
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## Major Figures



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.

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

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

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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

**P**resident 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?**



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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



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 hurtful
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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?



General Douglas MacArthur was one of the most famous American Military figures of the 20th century. Use various resources like your class computer, the library, and books to research General Douglas MacArthur.

Using the information that you have found write a short autobiography about MacArthur.

Think about things like:

- Where was he born?
- When was he born?
- Where was he trained?
- Where was he educated?
- What Wars did he fight in?
- What were his great accomplishments?
- What was his legacy?
- Why was he so popular with Americans?

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# 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

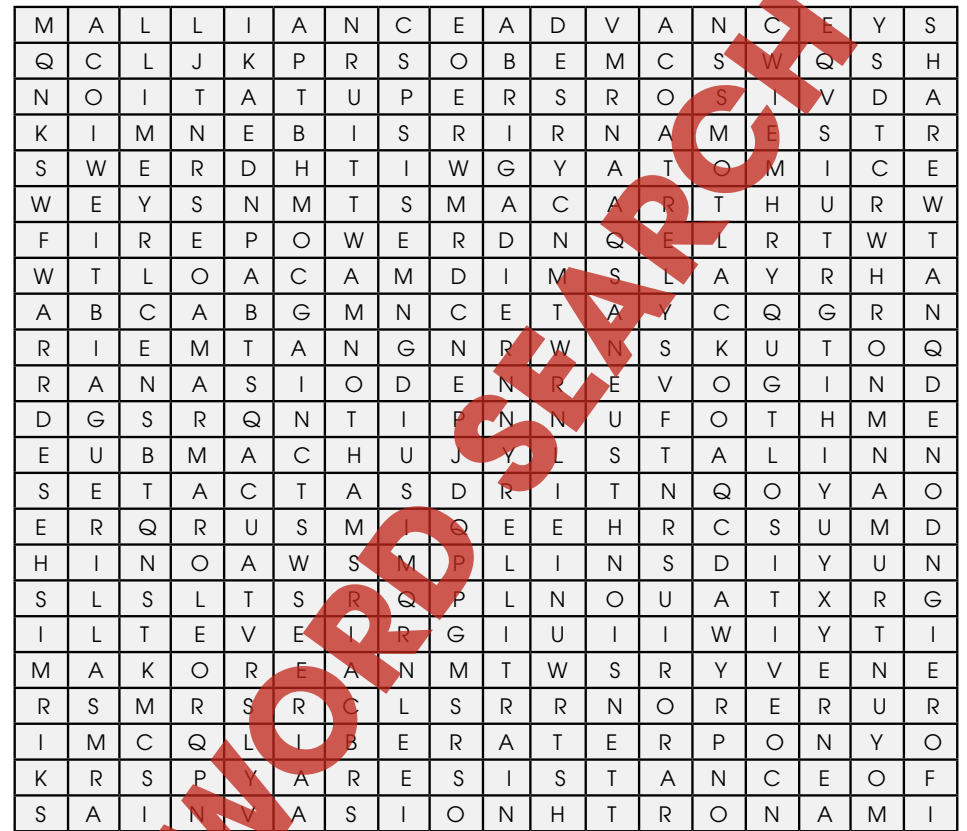
**Down**

- 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 |



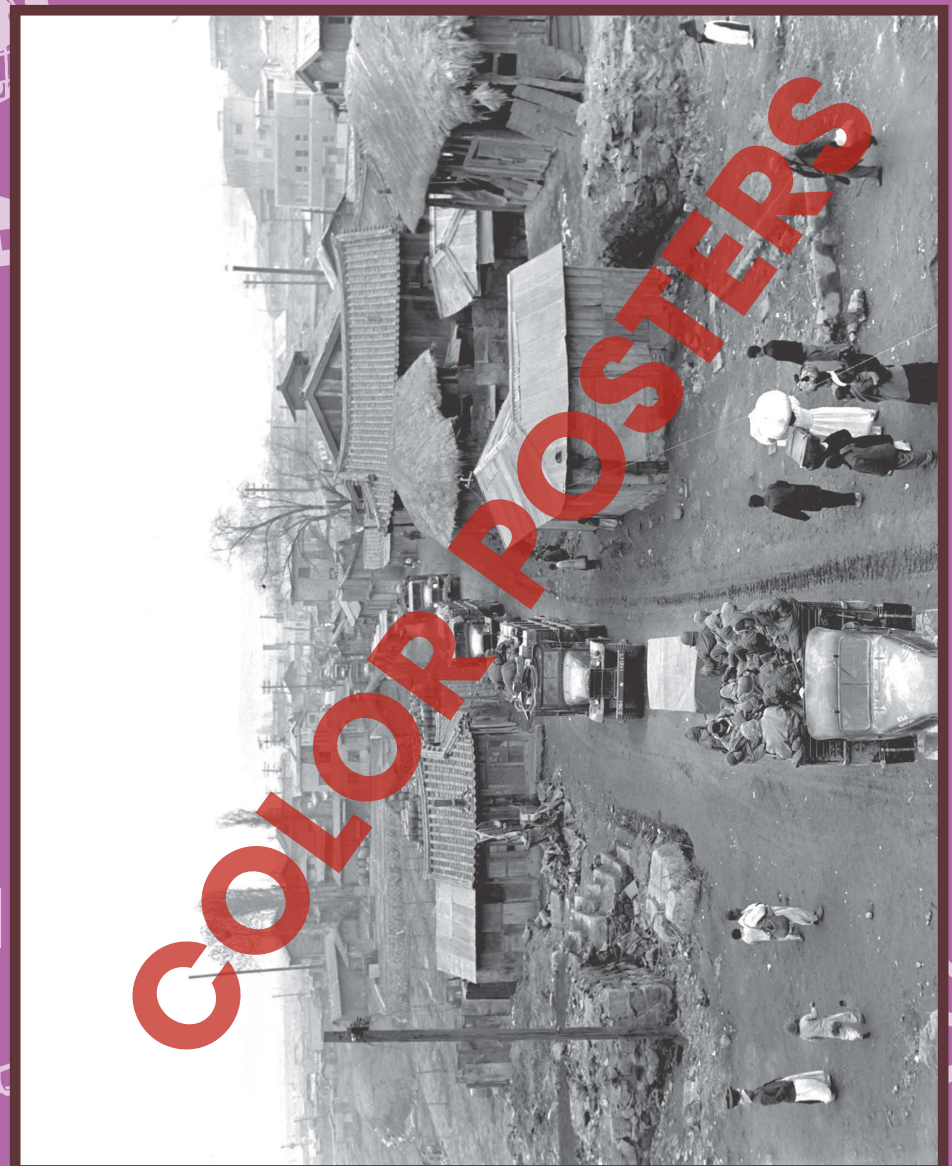
# Comprehension Quiz

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- Part A**
- When did the Korean War start?
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    - 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
    - Cholsin
    - 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
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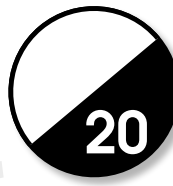
# Seoul, Korea 1951



A convoy of withdrawing UN troops waiting to cross the Han River Bridge



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## Multiple 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 |
| I | L | S | I | A | V | P | H |   |
| N | R | E | V | O | G | I | N | D |
| 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 | N | S | D | I | Y | U | N |   |
| L | N | O | U | A | T | X | R | G |
| I | U | T | T | 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

## Part B

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

