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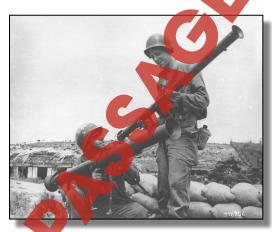


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### Weapons of the War

hen the Korean War began in June of 1950, South Korean forces were basically equipped with small arms supplied by the United States. In the United States the government believed that the South Koreans should be limited to small defensive arms. The North Koreans, on the other hand, had enlisted the help of Stalin and the Soviet Union. The Soviets supplied the North Korean



Army with small arms, heavy arms (like machine guns), artillery, tanks and attack planes. The South Korean Army had no artillery, tanks, attack planes, or anti-tank weapons. When the North Korean Army rolled across the border on June 25, 1950 it met with little resistance. Even Task Force Smith that arrived from Japan to slow the Communist advance was ill-equipped for fighting against tanks.

At the end of World War II a large portion of the U.S. military was demobilized and dismantled, believing that ground wars on such a large scale would never be fought again. By the time the Korean War started five years later, the United States had not developed any new weapons. Most of the Korean War, on both sides, was fought with old World War II vintage weapons. The main weapon of the UN ground soldier was the U.S. M-1 Garand Rifle. It was first produced in the 1930's and was widely used in World War II. It was a semi-automatic weapon that could fire ground 30 rounds per minute and was light, weighing just under 10 pounds. The most popular automatic weapon for the UN forces was the Browning automatic rifle (or BAR). It fired the same cartridge as the M-1

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#### Weapons of the War



TRUE FALSE

**d)** After WWII the United States built up their ground forces believing that there would be another war.

TRUE FALSE

After WWII the United States did not develop any new weapons.

TRUE FALSE

• f) The main weapon of the United Nations ground solider was the U.S. M-1 Garand Rifle.

TRUE FALSE

g) The Soviets were often armed with boll action Russian 7.62 mm Rifles.

TRUE

FALSE

h) One of the major advantages North Korea had was their fighter aircraft.

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2. Explain the difference between the weapons the South Koreans used and the weapons the North Koreans used at the start of the war. Compare and contrast them.

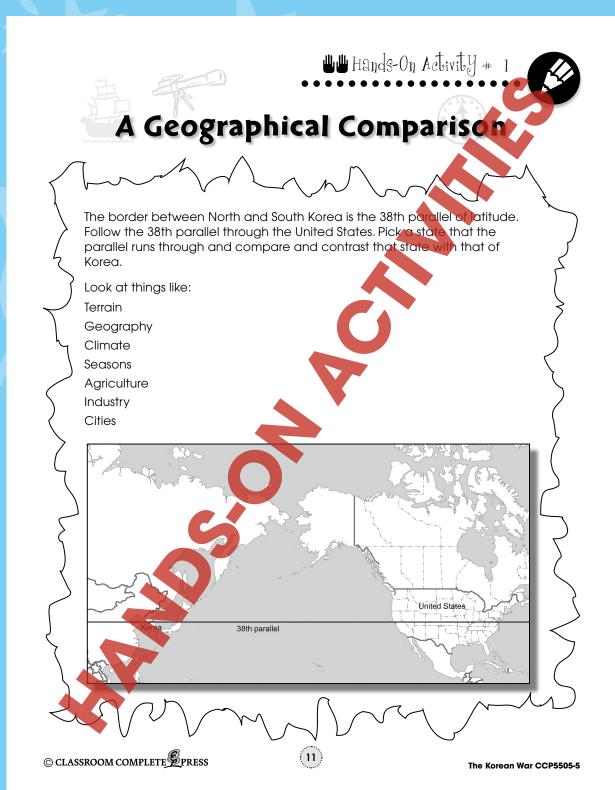


**3.** During the Korean War the North Koreans used the Soviet T-34 tank. Using the internet and your class computer compare and contrast the T-34 tank with any one of the three tanks used by the UN forces- the M4 Sherman, the M26 Pershing or the M46 Patton.

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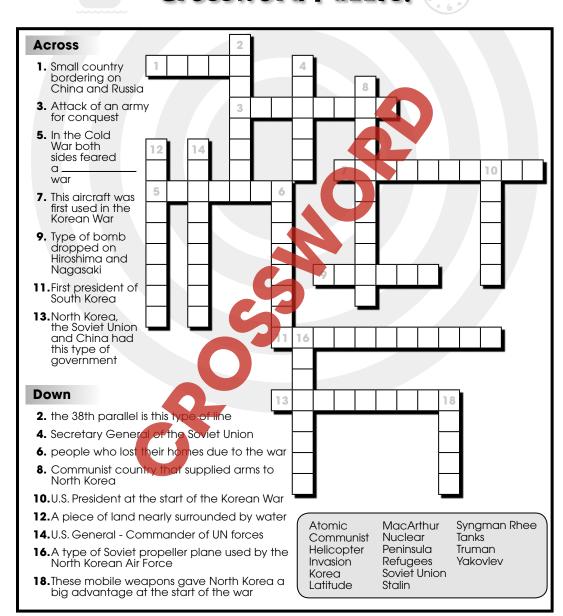
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#### **Crossword Puzzle!**



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#### **Word Puzzle**

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

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|          | Word List |           |           |            |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Comprehension Quiz

#### Part A

NAME:

- **1.** When did the Korean War start?
  - **A.** June 25, 1948
  - **B.** June 25, 1941
- **2.** North Korea is mostly made up of: **A.** Mountains
- Plains
- 3. DMZ stands for:
  - A. Decomposed Military Zone
- **B.** Demilitarized Zone
- **4.** The Han River flows through: A. Nakdong
  - Pusan
- 5. Who was the US President when the Korean War
- Eisenhower
- 6. Kim II-sung was:
- A. Leader of North Korea
- Secretary General 7. South Korean military and po
- Democratic
- Communist
- 8. In the United States 1
- A. A police action
- The Korean Conflic
- **9.** The Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC was dedicated by:

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- A. Clinton B. Bush
- **10.** How many United Nations countries were involved in the war?
- B. 24
- 17

**D.** 22

SUBTOTAL: /10

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**c.** June 25, 1950

**D.** June 25, 1949

c. Lowlands None of the above

Decommissioned Monetary Zone ne of the above

George W. Bush

A Captain in the Soviet Red Army

All of the above

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c. The Senseless War

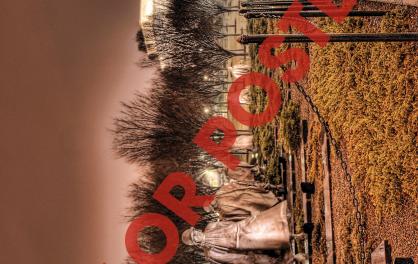
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**c.** Truman **D.** Eisenhower



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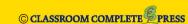












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## le Answers

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Part B

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3. FALSE

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10. TRUE

SUBTOTAL: /10



Clinton

Bush

A.

**B.** 24



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