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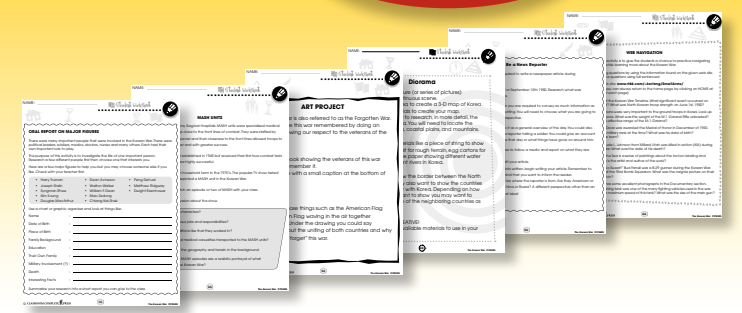
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The Air War

1. Can you name some of the aircraft that were used by the U.S. Air Force in World War II? What type of engine was used in those aircraft?

2. When do you think that the United States Air Force first started using jet aircraft?

3. Look up the word **propulsion** in the dictionary. Write out the definition. What do you think the big technological advance in propulsion will be in the Korean War?

4. What famous artist and inventor came up with a primitive design for a "helicopter"? See if you can find out using the internet or your class computer.



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The Air War



When the Korean War began in June of 1950 the North Koreans had around 180 aircraft which included attack aircraft and attack bombers. Their aircraft, however, were old World War II propeller driven planes. The North Korean Air Force formed by Kim Il-sung used mainly Russian World War II era propeller-driven planes like the Yakovlev Yak-9 and the Lavochkin La-9. The South Koreans had no Air Force or attack aircraft when the war began. When the United Nations troops, equipment and supplies started pouring into South Korea it also included attack aircraft. The United States also had aircraft carriers cruising up and down the coast of Korea. It wasn't long before the UN forces had overwhelmed the small North Korean Air Force and dominated the skies over Korea.

The United States also used B-29 bombers from a base on the island of Guam to bomb targets in North Korea. These bombing raids on North Korea began



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The Air War



1. Circle the words that do not belong in the groupings found below.

Aircraft Carrier	Helicopter	Bombers	Tank
Land	Air	Water	Mountains
Food	Medical Supplies	Ammunition	Parachute

2. Unscramble the words below:

- CKINHVOLA _____
- VELYAKVO _____
- NSEALP _____
- GTTSARE _____
- IBBGNSMO _____
- WNOLF _____
- EEHSBNA _____

3. When it came to the "Air War" in Korea there were some very important firsts that changed the way future wars were fought. Can you name some of these very important firsts?

4. Air superiority is very important in a war. Can you explain what it means to have air superiority? Why is it important to have air superiority? Give some reasons.



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

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

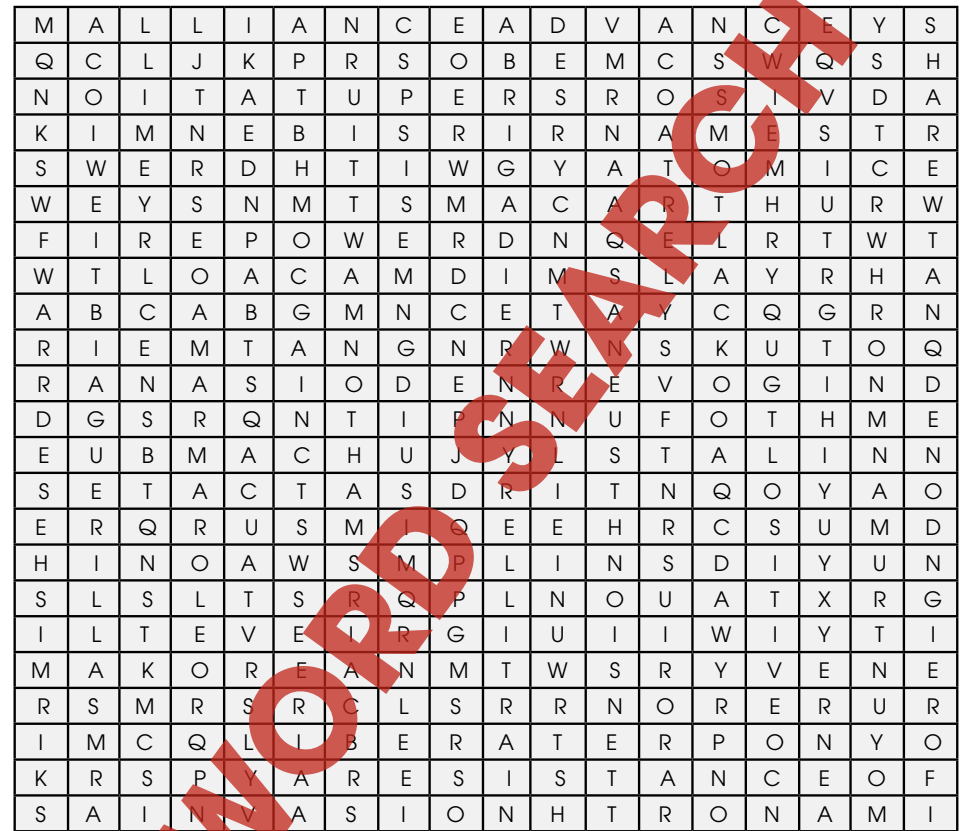
2. the 38th parallel is this type of line
4. Secretary General of the Soviet Union
6. people who lost their homes due to the war
8. Communist country that supplied arms to North Korea
10. U.S. President at the start of the Korean War
12. A piece of land nearly surrounded by water
14. U.S. General - Commander 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	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.

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



SUBTOTAL: /10

Topographical Map Korea & Area



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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

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	L
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
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L	J	N	S	D	I	Y	U	N
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Part A

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

Part B

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

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