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Remembering the War

1. Do you know of any Korean War Memorials that are in your town or city? Is it large or small?

2. The Korean War is often referred to as “The Forgotten War.” Why do you think that it’s important to remember the Korean War?

3. The Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC is a famous war memorial that has received a lot of attention. Do you know if the Korean War has a similar type of national war memorial?

4. Using your own good computer research Korean Memorials in two different states. Compare and contrast things about each different one.

Remembering the War

The Korean War is often called the "forgotten War" because it earned to get far less attention than World War II which was fought on a larger scale, or the Vietnam War which happened later and was much more controversial. The Korean War is often called a “police action” or the “Korean Conflict” because Congress never did actually make an official declaration of war. The human loss and suffering during the Korean War was staggering. North and South Korean civilians died in the millions. The UN forces had almost 500,000 casualties, including dead, wounded and missing in action. The United States bore the brunt of the losses with over 53,000 combat deaths. It is estimated that the Communist forces of North Korea and China suffered much heavier losses with casualties possibly as high as a million dead, wounded and missing in action. It is estimated that the Korean War cost the United States 50 billion dollars.

For many years there was no major memorial for those who fought and served in Korea. On July 27, 1995 the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated by President Bill Clinton and Kim Young Sam, President of the Republic of Korea. It is located in West Potomac Park near the Lincoln Memorial. It is a beautiful memorial featuring 19 statues of soldiers in full battle gear on patrol amongst juniper bushes and granite slabs that represent the terrain of Korea. It also features a long black granite lined pool called the Pool of Remembrance completes the Memorial. Many states in the United States also have Korean War Memorials. For those that served, fought, and died in Korea, the Korean War will never be a Forgotten War.
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
- Vietnam Sea
- DMZ

Crossword Puzzle!
Across:
1. Air Transportation
2. These soldiers made a base at the San
3. A movie about Vietnam
4. A tank or jeep
5. Army unit smaller than a division
6. Prime Minister of Communist party
7. Pole

Down:
1. Opposite of North
2. War
3. Base near demilitarized zone
4. Large battle taking place in 1965
5. Forces with elite skills
6. Opposite of friend
7. People full of pride

Comprehension Quiz
Part A
Circle the word TRUE if the statement is TRUE or CIRCLE the word FALSE if it is FALSE.
1. The climate in Vietnam is hot all year round.
   TRUE
   FALSE
2. The French were defeated in the Vietnam War.
   TRUE
   FALSE
3. Ho Chi Minh was the Prime Minister of the democratic party.
   TRUE
   FALSE
4. Guerrilla tactics were never used in the Vietnam War.
   TRUE
   FALSE
5. Orange Agent kills vegetation.
   TRUE
   FALSE
6. The Navy had three major roles in Vietnam.
   TRUE
   FALSE
7. The anti-war protests in the United States were always harmless with no violent rallies or marches.
   TRUE
   FALSE
8. "The Wall" is a Vietnam memorial made of black marble panels.
   TRUE
   FALSE

Part B
Circle the answer that is most correct.
1. Vietnam is found in:
   A. Asia
   B. Europe
   C. Africa
   D. South America
2. Democratic means:
   A. The government is appointed
   B. The government is elected until they decide to retire
   C. The people vote for their government
   D. The government is from the same family
3. The 7th Cavalry troops arrived on the battlefield in Plei Me by:
   A. Jeeps
   B. Tanks
   C. U.S.S. Enterprise
   D. Helicopters
4. 700 rounds per minute comes from:
   A. B-52
   B. M-16
   C. M-79
   D. M-60

SUBTOTAL: /12
Major Battles

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

Answers will vary

4. Circle the word or phrase that does not belong in each line below.
   a) Inchon  Chungho Reservoir  Pusan  Dieppe
   b) Canada  China  United States  Britain
   c) Truman  MacArthur  Stalin  Kim Il-Sung

Answers will vary

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.

Answers will vary

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

Answers will vary