## **IMPACT CONSOLE**

## The Korean War

## This revision activity works best if you do it with a friend, and talk about it as you do it.

Here is a list of twelve key events in the history of the conflict in Korea:

Aug 1945:	<b>Dec 1945</b> :	<b>25 Jun 1950</b> :
USA/USSR divide Korea	USA/USSR agree	The NKPA invades
at the 38th Parallel	5-year trusteeship	South Korea
<b>27 June 1950</b> : UN Resolution 83	<b>15 Sept 1950:</b> Inchon amphibious landing	<b>7 Oct 1950:</b> UN General Assembly Resolution 376
<b>Nov 1950:</b> PVA Second Phase Offensive	<b>11 Apr 1951:</b> Truman sacks MacArthur	<b>22 Apr 1951:</b> UN forces establish the 'Wyoming Line'
Mar 1953:	<b>Apr 1953:</b>	<b>27 July 1953:</b>
Death of Stalin	Operation 'Little Switch'	Ceasefire signed.

- 1 Print off and cut out the twelve events, and line them up in date order.
- 2 Taking each event in turn, push it up if it was a victory for the North/Communists, pull it down if it was a victory for the UN/US; the amount you move it will be determined by the degree of victory/setback. Explain/negotiate your decisions.
- 3 Use the resultant grid to inform a discussion about who 'won' the conflict in Korea.



6 Revisit the console. This time, again taking each event in turn, push it up if it made world war more likely, pull it down if it reduced international diplomatic tension; the amount you move it will be determined by how much diplomatic tension grew or reduced. Explain/ negotiate your decision.

Use the resultant grid to inform a discussion: how close did the world come to nuclear war in 1950-53?