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Evaluating Source Material: Major Factors to Consider

- Relevance to research question
- Relationship to other sources: agree, disagree, expand
- Relationship to your own working hypothesis: support or contradict
- Author/Authority: reputable? knowledgeable?
- Affiliation/Sponsor: legitimate organization or publisher?
- Accuracy: well written, logical, consistent in itself and with other sources?
- Age: information up to date?
- Bias v. Objectivity: conveying knowledge or selling a product/prejudice?

Research Log

Research question: What was the immediate impact of the Korean War on North Korea?

Source #1

Complete citation for item found

Langley, Michael. Inchon: MacArthur's Last Triumph. London: Batsford, 1979.

Information source used — www.library.umass.edu

Search strategy employed — Keyword – Korean War

Evaluation of material — Important to me to find sources that express different point of views held by varying countries that participated in the Korean War. This book takes the perspective of an Englishman. Very interesting. Includes brief history of the war, consistent with my other sources, and a very detailed account of the battle for Inchon and thus Seoul. Overall, source very interesting and worthwhile. Also well documented, giving it credibility.

Paraphrased ideas or direct quotations to use in presentation and/or final literature review

- MacArthur's strategy - *Operation Chromite* - retake Inchon, NK not expect, close to Seoul – pg 50
- Sept 15 – X corps landed at Inchon - “5000 to 1” gamble – pg 42
- Op successful – recapture Seoul on Sept 28 – pg 134

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Source #2

Complete citation for item found

Cummings, Bruce. “Nuclear Threats Against North Korea: Consequences of the ‘forgotten’ war.”
ZNET 20 Dec. 2004. 10 Oct. 2006 <<http://www.zmag.org/content/showarticle.cfm?ItemID=6901>>.

Information source used — Google

Search strategy employed — North Korea + war

Evaluation of material — This article was on a website that compiled various articles and was originally from a French newspaper or magazine, *Le monde Diplomatique*, or the *Diplomatic World*. Don't have any credentials for the newspaper, but the sources cited suggest it's reliable. Article written in 2004, so provides a fresher look at history, but obviously doesn't take into consideration recent events like Korea's nuclear weapons tests. Delves into an aspect of Korean War other sources don't, detailing the napalming of North Korea. Adds to information already gathered.

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- June - Oct, 1950 – 866,914 gallons napalm dumped on NK
- MacArthur – destroy every “installation, factory, city, and village” b/t front and Chinese border
- MacArthur wanted to use Atomic bomb and Truman threatened it
- MacArthur wanted to drop 30 along Manchuria – radioactive barrier to land invasion
- “18 of 22 major cities had been at least half obliterated”
- Hamhung and Hungnam – 85%, Sariwon – 95%, Sinanju – 100%, Chinnampo – 80%, Pyonyang – 75%
- Winston Churchill criticize US – “when napalm was invented, no one contemplated that it would be ‘splashed’ all over a civilian population”

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