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## Proxy War Summaries Answer Key

- **Korean War:**

Cause - North Korea's invasion of South Korea to unify the peninsula under communism.

Combatants - North Korea, China, and the USSR vs. South Korea, U.S., and UN allies.

Outcome - Armistice signed; Korea remains divided at the 38th parallel.

- **Vietnam War:**

Cause - Communist expansion by North Vietnam and U.S. efforts to prevent it.

Combatants - North Vietnam and Viet Cong vs. South Vietnam and the U.S.

Outcome - U.S. withdrawal; Vietnam unified under communist control.

- **Soviet-Afghan War:**

Cause - Soviet attempt to support a communist Afghan regime against rebellion.

Combatants - USSR and Afghan government vs. Mujahideen fighters supported by the U.S.

Outcome - Soviet withdrawal; Afghanistan left unstable; Cold War tensions increased.

### Teacher's Guide

#### Tips for Differentiation:

- **For struggling writers:** Provide sentence starters such as "This war began because..." or "The U.S. supported..."
- **For advanced students:** Challenge them to identify which proxy war had the greatest long-term global impact and justify their reasoning.

#### Engagement Ideas:

- Hold a "Cold War Newsroom" simulation where students report from each conflict zone.
- Play a "Who Supported Whom?" quick-match review to reinforce alliances.

#### Extension Ideas:

- Connect the Afghan conflict to the later collapse of the Soviet Union.
- Ask students to research a lesser-known proxy war (e.g., Angola or Nicaragua) and add it as a new "profile" paragraph to the worksheet.