# **Korean War Document Analysis**

Directions: Conduct your CIA analysis by providing a **S**ummary of the documents, **A**nalysis of the consequences of each document on conflict in Korea and between Truman and MacArthur, and consideration of the **B**ias of each document. Fill in your responses in the chart below.

Then respond to the prompt by developing a *complex-split thesis*.

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| **Document Title / Number** | **Summary**  What does this document tell us? | **Analysis**  How would this document impact the conflict in Korea and/or dispute between Truman and MacArthur | **Bias**  Is the information from the document biased? If not then why not? If yes then is the information still trustworthy? |
| Document 1:  *Statement by President Harry S. Truman on the Violation of the 38th Parallel in Korea (June 26, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 2:  *Cabinet Meeting with President Truman (June 30, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 3:  *Message to General Douglas MacArthur from the Joint Chiefs of Staff (July 31, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 4:  *Statement Regarding Formosa Sent by General MacArthur to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for Use at the VFW’s 51st Encampment (August 17, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 5:  *Message to General MacArthur from the Secretary of Defense (August 26, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 6: *Message to the Joint Chiefs of Staff from General MacArthur (September 15, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 7:  *Message to General Mac Arthur from the Joint Chiefs of Staff (September 16, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 8:  *National Security Council Report 81, “United States Courses of Action with Respect to Korea*  *(September 1, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 9:  *Message to the Joint Chiefs of Staff from General MacArthur (September 28, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 10:  *President Truman’s Outline for the Meeting with General MacArthur at Wake Island (October 13, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 11:  *Notes on the Meeting between President Truman and General MacArthur at Wake Island (November 25, 1950)* |  |  |  |
| Document 12:  *President Truman’s Radio Report to the American People on Korea and on U.S. Policy in the Far East (April 11, 1951)* |  |  |  |

Complex-Split Thesis Practice

Based on all of the documents as well as your answers to the questions develop a complex-split thesis in response to the prompt below:

*Was Truman’s decision to replace MacArthur as America’s leading general justified?*

Make sure you use the formula for a complex-split thesis:

**Even though + counter area of analysis, overall + argument (including extent) + as seen in + supporting areas of analysis**

**Your Thesis**: