Since World War I, Australians have been called upon many times to assist in the protection of freedom worldwide.

Read the summaries about the conflicts in which Australia has assisted. Cut each summary out and place on a time line you have constructed on a separate sheet of paper.

About 57,000 Australians served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1973. Along with the USA, Australia attempted to prevent communist forces from taking over Vietnam. Many Australian soldiers were chosen to go by a ballot based on their birth dates. This was very unpopular.

**Malaya (1955 – 1962)**
After WWII, the British wanted Malaya to be run by the Malays themselves. Many Chinese Malays wanted Malaya to become a communist country and began to fight the British. Australia sent troops to help the British.

**Gulf War (1990 – 1991)**
In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. Royal Australian Navy ships helped blockade Iraq. After ground troops drove the Iraqis from Kuwait, Australians from the army, navy and air force helped to rebuild Kuwait.

**Afghanistan (2001)**
In September 2001, Muslim terrorists, traced back to Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan, attacked the USA. Hijacked aircraft smashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Australia sent Special Air Service (SAS) members into Afghanistan to try to capture those responsible for the terrorist attacks.

**Konfrontasi (1962 – 1966)**
Australian soldiers and Royal Australian navy personnel were sent to Malaysia (especially Borneo), to protect it against attacks by Indonesian forces.

**East Timor (1999 onwards)**
In 1999, East Timor voted to become independent from Indonesia. This led to much bloodshed as Indonesian troops tried to stop the East Timorese. Under the United Nations, Australia sent a peacekeeping force in to protect the East Timorese and help them rebuild.

**World War II (1939 – 1945)**
Australian servicemen and women from the army, navy and air force bravely fought with other allied countries throughout this terrible war.
Places included Europe, North Africa, the Mediterranean, Middle East, Singapore and New Guinea.

**The Korean War (1950 – 1953)**
In 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea. Australia, as a member of the United Nations, was asked to send soldiers, sailors and aircrew to help support South Korea.
1. Many countries are mentioned in the text. Write one war each of these countries was involved in.

   Australia ________________________________
   South Korea ________________________________
   Malaysia __________________________________
   Kuwait ____________________________________
   Afghanistan ________________________________
   East Timor ________________________________
   Russia ________________________________
   China ________________________________
   Indonesia ________________________________
   New Guinea ________________________________
   Iraq ________________________________
   United States ________________________________

2. Use an atlas to colour each country according to your answers above.

   World War II green
   The Korean War blue
   War in Malaya red
   Konfrontasi yellow
   Vietnam War purple
   The Gulf War orange
   East Timor Conflict brown
   War in Afghanistan pink

3. On the map, write the capital city of each country you coloured.