

## KOREAN WAR

**Directions:** The following sentences describe the causes, major events, and results of the Korean War. Fill in the spaces with the words, names, and terms from the list that best complete the statements.



invasion	Soviet Union	ninety	capital
Allied	shells	Communists	Allies
elections	Soviet	Japan	Pyongyang
jeep	ignored	border	civilians
United Nations	half	world war	Korea
prisoners	jet airplanes	China	military
north	fighting	commander	Seoul

helicopters      Tokyo

### Causes of the War

- (1) In 1895, the Japanese took control of Korea and in 1910 made it part of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) After Japan was defeated in World War II, Korea was occupied by troops of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the United States.
- (3) Soviet forces in northern Korea and American soldiers in southern Korea were separated by the 38th parallel, a latitude line that divided the country in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) The United Nations called for \_\_\_\_\_ to choose one government for the entire country, but the Soviets opposed the idea.
- (5) North Korea and South Korea became separate nations. Their troops sometimes clashed along the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6) The United States withdrew its forces from Korea in 1949. In 1950, the Communist leaders of North Korea ordered an \_\_\_\_\_ of South Korea.

### Major Events of the War: 1950-1953

- (7) North Korea \_\_\_\_\_ a United Nations demand that it pull its army out of South Korea.
- (8) President Harry S. Truman ordered American forces to South Korea. Fifteen other \_\_\_\_\_ members also sent soldiers.
- (9) About \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the UN troops were Americans.
- (10) The North Korean Army was helped by soldiers from \_\_\_\_\_.
- (11) General Douglas MacArthur of the United States was named \_\_\_\_\_ in chief of the United Nations Command.
- (12) MacArthur directed Allied operations from his headquarters in \_\_\_\_\_, Japan.
- (13) Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker became field commander of the \_\_\_\_\_ ground forces in Korea.

- (14) During the first months of the war, the North Korean Communists captured Seoul, the \_\_\_\_\_ of South Korea.
- (15) After U.S. and UN forces arrived in Korea, \_\_\_\_\_ was recaptured.
- (16) The Allies advanced into North Korea and seized Pyongyang, the capital city, on October 19, 1950. The \_\_\_\_\_ retreated farther north.
- (17) General MacArthur and the Allies were confident that the war would be over by Christmas. But in late November, China sent a huge army into Korea to fight the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (18) The Chinese forced U.S. and UN troops to withdraw from \_\_\_\_\_ and retreat into South Korea.
- (19) General Walker was killed in a \_\_\_\_\_ accident, and Lieutenant General Matthew B. Ridgway took command.
- (20) By the summer of 1951, the two sides had dug in and began fighting along a battle line \_\_\_\_\_ of the 38th parallel.
- (21) A continuing dispute between MacArthur and defense leaders in Washington led President Truman to replace the general as commander in chief. MacArthur wanted to use "all-out measures," including bombing bases in China, to achieve victory. Truman and his advisers feared such actions might lead to a third \_\_\_\_\_.
- (22) The Korean War marked the first battle between \_\_\_\_\_.
- (23) As many as 100 to 150 U.S. F-86 Sabre jets and \_\_\_\_\_ - built MIG-15's took part in some air battles.
- (24) For the first time during a war, \_\_\_\_\_ carried soldiers into combat. They were also used to make daring rescues of Allied pilots who had been shot down.
- (25) The U.S. Navy helped troops land by firing \_\_\_\_\_ at enemy targets on shore.

### End of the War

- (26) After lengthy peace talks, an armistice agreement was signed on July 27, 1953, and the \_\_\_\_\_ ended.
- (27) A 2 1/2-mile wide Demilitarized Zone was set up to keep the two sides apart. Both agreed not to increase their \_\_\_\_\_ strength.
- (28) After the armistice was signed, the Allies and Communists charged each other with torture and starvation of prisoners, and other war crimes. The two sides exchanged 88,559 \_\_\_\_\_.
- (29) The Korean War caused extensive damage throughout the country. More than a million \_\_\_\_\_ were killed.
- (30) Although the fighting stopped, negotiators were unable to draw up a permanent peace plan. They were also unsuccessful in reunifying \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Multiple-Choice

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Korea first became a divided nation after World War II when: (a) Soviet and American troops occupied the country (b) a civil war began between the north and south (c) Japan made it a colony
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ The government of North Korea was controlled by: (a) Communists (b) a democratically-elected President and Congress (c) a monarch having divine right
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ The Korean War began when: (a) Korea attacked Japan (b) the Soviet Union refused to trade with the Koreans (c) North Korea invaded South Korea
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ The world peacekeeping organization that tried unsuccessfully to prevent the Korean War was the: (a) League of Nations (b) United Nations (c) Organization of American States
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ The President who ordered U.S. troops to South Korea was: (a) Franklin D. Roosevelt (b) Harry S. Truman (c) Lyndon B. Johnson

### Completion

- (6) About ninety percent of the United Nations forces in Korea were sent there by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (7) General \_\_\_\_\_ was commander in chief of the UN Command until losing his job because of a dispute with Washington officials.
- (8) In the early months of the war, the Communists captured \_\_\_\_\_, the capital of South Korea.
- (9) The Allies eventually occupied Pyongyang, the capital of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (10) \_\_\_\_\_ planes and helicopters were used for the first time during the Korean War.

### Matching

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| (11) _____ United States | (a) sent ground troops to help the North Korean Army                                  |
| (12) _____ Soviet Union  | (b) Walton H. Walker and Matthew B. Ridgway served in the armed forces of this nation |
| (13) _____ North Korea   | (c) built the MIG-15's that fought against the F-86's                                 |
| (14) _____ China         | (d) it was defended by the United States during the war                               |
| (15) _____ South Korea   | (e) country above the 38th parallel   |

### True/False

- (16) \_\_\_\_\_ The Allies used "all-out measures," including bombing bases in China, during the Korean War.
- (17) \_\_\_\_\_ After the fighting ended, the Allies and Communists accused each other of committing war crimes.
- (18) \_\_\_\_\_ The Korean War resulted in widespread damage and loss of life.
- (19) \_\_\_\_\_ North Korea and South Korea were unified into a single nation at the end of the war.
- (20) \_\_\_\_\_ The Korean War lasted from 1974 until 1977.