



Social Studies Virtual Learning

10th/World History

TARGET: Explain the circumstances surrounding the beginning of the Korean War [Soviet and US liberation from Japan --> N invading S].

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Lesson 23

Warm Up

In the late 1940s, China suffered a civil war between Nationalists and Communists. Many in America will blame President Truman for allowing CHINA to fall to the Communists, defeating his Containment Policy. Critics will say Truman was too concerned with Europe and had not paid attention to Communist aggression in Asia. Remember, during WWII, Korea, much of China, and most of Asia, was occupied by the Empire of Japan. After the US defeated Japan, USSR will begin to expand its Communist sphere and the US will try to thwart them.

SETTING THE STAGE When World War II ended, Korea became a divided nation. North of the **38th parallel**, a line that crosses Korea at 38 degrees north latitude, Japanese troops surrendered to Soviet forces. South of this line, the Japanese surrendered to American troops. As in Germany, two nations developed. (See map on next page.) One was the Communist industrial north, whose government had been set up by the Soviets. The other was the non-Communist rural south, supported by the Western powers.

On paper: List 3 words that you think of when describing NORTH KOREA today...

Warm Up responses...

Answers will vary...may include: Communist, Nuclear, Rogue, Kim Jong Un, Evil, dictator

Likely negative descriptions

Lesson Activity

Watch the video link below. Identify the following :

38th Parallel; Kim Il-Sung; MacArthur; Domino Theory; UN Troops; Pyongyang; Demilitarized Zone

What is a stalemate?

[Korean War](#)

Lesson Responses

38th Parallel- dividing line of North and South Korea

Kim- leader of N Korea during this period

MacArthur-US general, leader of American and UN forces

Domino Theory- if one country is allowed to become Communist, others will fall

UN Troops- fought vs Communist forces; a coalition of democratic nations

Pyongyang-capital city of North Korea

Demilitarized Zone- set up along the 38th parallel, no weapons/military in the border area

Stalemate- a tie or draw; no progress being made

Practice

Browse the slide show link below. From the link, and the previous video, create a QUIZ about the Korean War. The quiz should be at least 10 questions and should have at least 2 of each of the following: multiple choice, True/False; and 1 short response. You should attempt to tell the brief story of history of what you learned. You should also provide answers for each question.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JBYkufw7IFtvMruygwtqixMXyMt-jVLbaoOLwqww4/edit#slide=id.p13>

Reflection

Examine the cartoon and respond to the prompt in a paragraph: **What does the cartoon say about the situation in Korea in the late 1940s? Explain.**



“PEACE” MOVEMENT IN KOREA

Reflection

A dove, symbol of peace, is steamrolling over Korea. It has a Soviet insignia on its chest suggesting the Soviets are not peaceful, but war-mongering.