



# THE KOREAN WAR



“The Forgotten War”

Also known as “Fatherland Liberation War” in North Korea

# WWII: WHAT WAS KOREA UP TO?

- ✧ 1910 – 1945: Korea part of Japanese empire
- ✧ After Japan's surrender: Korea under control of UN
  - ✧ Peninsula split at 38<sup>th</sup> parallel
  - ✧ North = trusteeship of the USSR
  - ✧ South = trusteeship of the US
  - ✧ No one asked the Koreans what they wanted





# WAR BEGINS

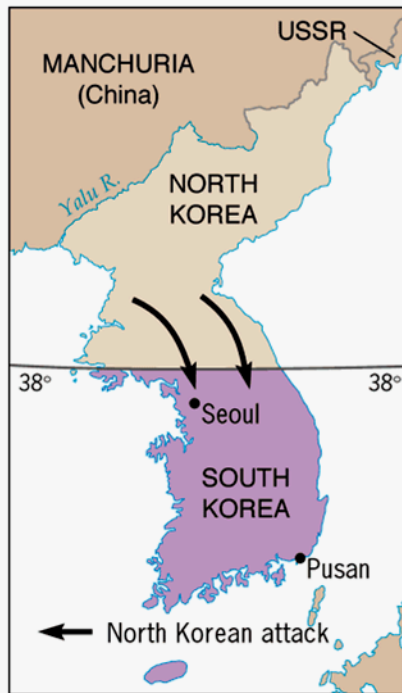


- ✦ North = communist; leader – Kim Il-Sung (dictator)
- ✦ South = anti-communist; leader – Syngman Rhee (dictator)
- ✦ Both sides wanted to re-unify the country under their own govt.
- ✦ 1950: North Korea invaded South Korea
  - ✦ USSR & China supported North
  - ✦ NK helped Communists during Chinese Civil War
  - ✦ UN supported South (US made up 90% of UN's forces)

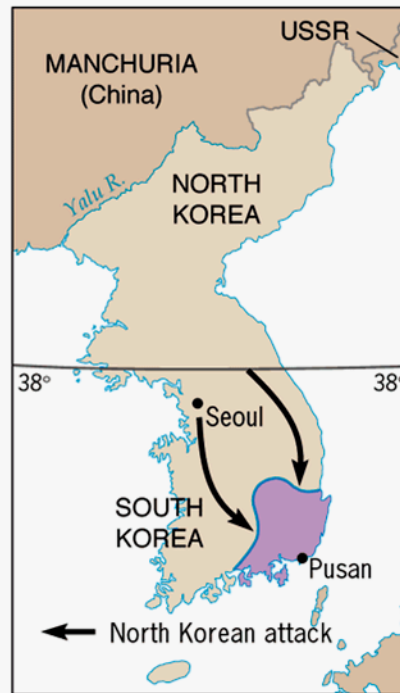




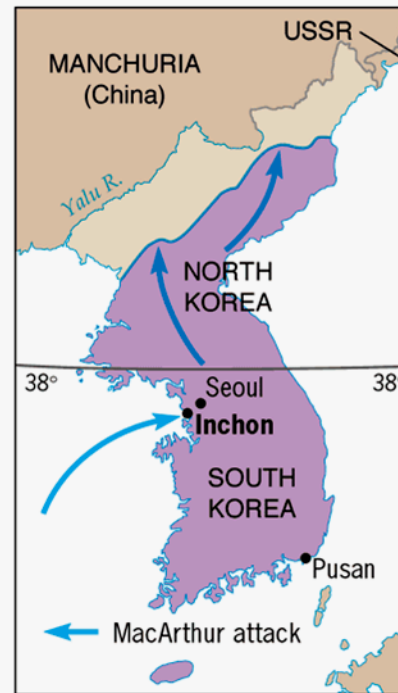
# Korean War (1950 – 1953)



June 25, 1950



Sept. 14, 1950



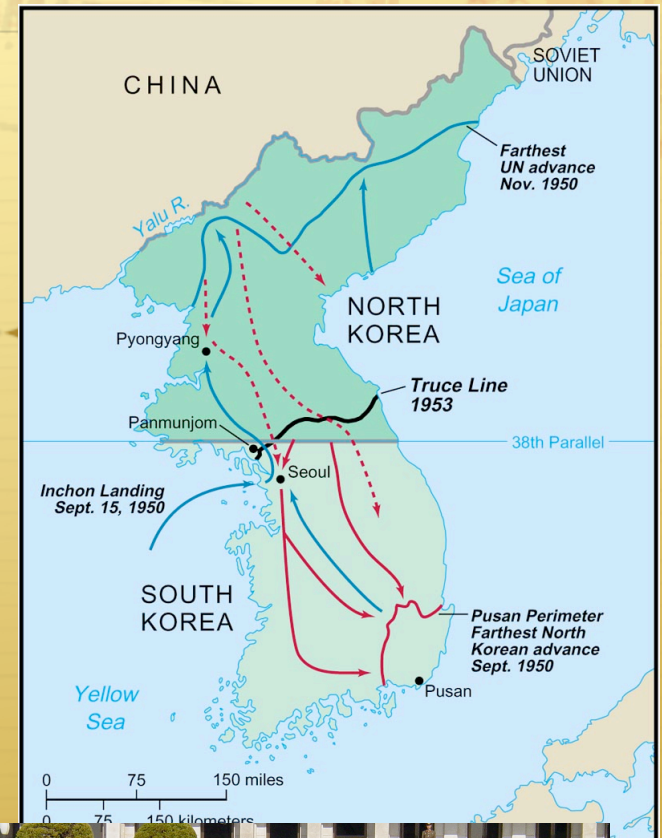
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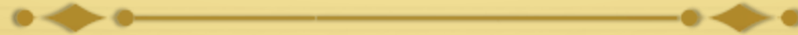
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# COURSE & RESULT

- ✦ 1951 – 1953: Fighting led to a stalemate
  - ✦ War of attrition = attempt to defeat an enemy by wearing them down
- ✦ July 1953: Armistice (cease-fire) is signed
  - ✦ Country remained divided at 38<sup>th</sup> parallel
  - ✦ Established the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) along the border
- ✦ Approx. 1.2 million died
- ✦ Tensions still remain high 62 years later



# YAAAAAS! VIDEO!



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