

# Korea: A Land Divided by War

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## Summary

This book is about the events of the Korean War.

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# Before Reading

## Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What kind of government controls its people?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is needed to fight a battle?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Under which type of government can individuals own land?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Which type of people are trained to fight in war?

\_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary

## A Read and match.

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• a. nuclear weapons

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• b. spy

3.



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• c. drown

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• d. starve

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• e. equipment

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• f. unify

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• g. bomb

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• h. alongside

**B Write the word for each definition.**

parallel      ally      supporter      tension      capture

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a country that cooperates with another for military purposes
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a feeling of fear or anger between people or countries
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a person who agrees with an idea, group, or person
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to catch someone and make them your prisoner
5. \_\_\_\_\_ one of the imaginary circles running around the earth above or below the equator; it never touches the equator

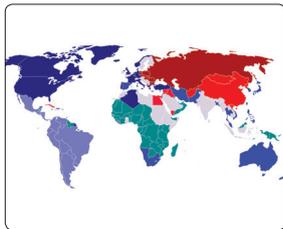
**C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.**

1. People have different ideas about how a government should be run.
  - a. beliefs
  - b. tension
  - c. training
  - d. rules
2. The military protects our country and our freedom.
  - a. bomb
  - b. capital
  - c. army
  - d. supporter
3. During training, the men worked next to their mentor for several months.
  - a. both
  - b. alongside
  - c. separate
  - d. only
4. Due to their differing beliefs, there was conflict between the two leaders.
  - a. a spy
  - b. support
  - c. unity
  - d. tension

# Comprehension

**A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.**

- a. The 38<sup>th</sup> parallel divides North and South Korea.
- b. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the world was divided by the Cold War.
- c. Tanks were used in the Korean War.



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

**B Choose the best answer.**

1. Which country controlled North Korea after World War II?
  - a. South Korea
  - b. USA
  - c. USSR
  - d. Japan
  
2. Why were North and South Korea fighting against each other?
  - a. North Korea had resources South Korea wanted.
  - b. They each wanted different forms of government for all of Korea.
  - c. South Korea wanted independence.
  - d. North Korea didn't agree with slavery in South Korea.
  
3. How did the North Koreans gain control of Seoul within three days of the start of the war?
  - a. The South Korean army was not well-trained.
  - b. South Korea did not have very good weapons.
  - c. South Korea did not have enough soldiers.
  - d. All of the above

**C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.**

- a. A man still separated from his family today
- b. American soldiers fighting in the war
- c. South Korean soldiers marching during training
- d. The destruction of Seoul, South Korea
- e. Refugees trying to escape the fighting



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

**D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ After World War II, the USSR and the USA were the most powerful nations.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The USA is a capitalist country.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ China sent soldiers to help the South Korean army.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Many Korean people died from the fighting and the lack of food to eat.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Both sides signed a peace treaty to end the war.

**E Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. The North Koreans controlled the \_\_\_\_\_ of South Korea within the first three days of the war. **capital equipment**
2. Some South Korean people \_\_\_\_\_ in the Han River as they tried to escape the war. **starved drowned**
3. North Korea remains a \_\_\_\_\_ country today. **capitalist communist**
4. North Korea has \_\_\_\_\_ which they may choose to use in the future. **nuclear weapons tensions**
5. North and South Korea are technically still at war, so \_\_\_\_\_ remains even today. **tension training**

**F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Fighting stops, but no peace treaty is signed.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ American Soldiers arrive in South Korea.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ World War II ends.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ The American and South Korean armies controlled only 10% of South Korea.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ A civil war between North and South Korea begins.

## Think About It

**A** Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ and _____ fought a civil war from 1950-1953.	Each side wanted their form of _____ to control all of Korea.	The South began to win the war when General MacArthur was able to take back control of Seoul, on _____.	North and South Korea are divided at the _____ parallel.	The fighting between North and South Korea ended when both sides knew that _____ could win the war.

**B** Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned \_\_\_\_\_

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Before I read this book, I knew \_\_\_\_\_

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Now I also know \_\_\_\_\_

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