

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

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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

8.



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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

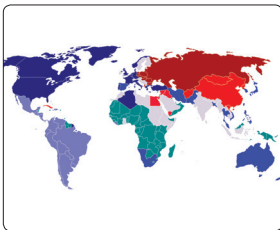
C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

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 38th parallel divides North and South Korea.
- b. In the 20th 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 _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.