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What was Korea's political situation after World War II?	Korea was divided into North Korea (communist, supported by the USSR) and South Korea (capitalist, supported by the USA).
What parallel divided North and South Korea?	The 38th parallel.
When did the Korean War begin?	25th June 1950.
Why did North Korea invade South Korea in 1950?	Kim Il-sung wanted to unite Korea under communism and believed the USA would not intervene.

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What role did the United Nations play in the Korean War?

The UN, led by the USA, organised a military force to defend South Korea.

Who was the commander of UN forces during the early stages of the war?

General Douglas MacArthur.

What was the significance of the Inchon Landing?

The UN forces launched a successful amphibious attack, pushing North Korean forces back beyond the 38th parallel.

Why did China enter the Korean War?

China, led by Mao Zedong, feared a US invasion and wanted to protect its border and influence in Asia.

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What was the impact of Chinese intervention on the war?

It forced UN forces to retreat and stabilised the front around the 38th parallel.

Why was General MacArthur dismissed in 1951?

MacArthur publicly criticised President Truman's strategy, leading to his dismissal for insubordination.

When was the armistice agreement signed?

27th July 1953.

What did the armistice agreement establish?

A demilitarised zone (DMZ) around the 38th parallel and a ceasefire between North and South Korea.

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What were the human costs of the Korean War?

Millions of soldiers and civilians died, and many more were displaced.

How did the Korean War impact US-Soviet relations?

It intensified the Cold War, as both sides supported opposing factions in Korea.

What was the role of the USSR in the Korean War?

The USSR provided military equipment and advice to North Korea but avoided direct involvement.

Did the Korean War officially end with the armistice?

No, the armistice was a ceasefire, and no formal peace treaty was signed.

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What was the impact of the Korean War on Korea?

Korea remained divided, and both sides faced economic and social devastation.

How did the Korean War influence US foreign policy?

The USA increased military spending and committed to containing communism worldwide.

Why is the Korean War sometimes called "The Forgotten War"?

It is often overshadowed by World War II and the Vietnam War in public memory.