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**KOREAN WAR STUDY GUIDE**

**Part I: In the T Chart, list key differences between North and South Korea in 1950**

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|  | North Korea | South Korea |
| Leaders |  |  |
| Types of Government |  |  |
| Allies in the War |  |  |
| Nation in charge of them after WWII |  |  |

**Part II: Define Key Terms**

Pusan Perimeter:

Inchon Landing:

Yalu River:

38th Parallel:

**Part III: Short Answer**

1. What was the cause of the Korean War?
2. What role did General MacArthur play in the war?
3. What expectations did the United States have going into the war?
4. How long did the war last? Why?
5. Did MacArthur or the Chinese have more impact on the length of the war?
6. What experiences did American soldiers have in the war, and how did they react to home life after they returned home?
7. What experience did black soldiers have in the war? Did life change for them at home after the war?
8. What was the dividing line between North and South Korea after World War Two?
9. Why did North Korea cross the 38th Parallel and invade South Korea?
10. Who led the UN Forces and what was his major mistake in the war?
11. Describe the role of the UN in the Korean War.
12. What were the key differences between the first year of the Korean War and the last years of the war?
13. The last two years of the Korean War were characterized by which of the following?
14. What was significant about the Korean War in terms of the use of nuclear weapons and the policy of containment?
15. Was strategic bombing effective during the Korean War?
16. Explain why negotiations to end the Korean War went on for so long.
17. Was the Korean War an international war or a Civil War?
18. What did the war mean to Korea?
19. How did the war impact Koreans?
20. Did the war impact North Korea differently than South Korea?
21. What damage did the war cause to cultural monuments?
22. What did North Korea do to rebuild after the war? What did South Korea do?
23. Why did North Korea refuse to sign the treaty?
24. What impact does the war have upon U.S. diplomacy within North and South Korea today?
25. What lasting impact does the war have upon Koreans today?
26. Why is the Korean War called America’s “forgotten war”?

**Part IV: The Korean War Chronology**

Directions: Please put the following Korean War events in order.

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. and the UN send troops to aid South Korea

\_\_\_\_\_ MacArthur returns home a hero

\_\_\_\_\_ MacArthur’s forces capture Pyongyang and advance north to the Yalu River

\_\_\_\_\_ UN forces attack the North Koreans at the Port of Inchon

\_\_\_\_\_ MacArthur publicly criticizes the President’s strategy and is fired

\_\_\_\_\_ UN forces driven back below the 38th parallel

\_\_\_\_\_ China sends hundreds of thousands of troops across the border to join North Korea

\_\_\_\_\_ MacArthur’s forces are driven back to Pusan, in the SE of Korea

\_\_\_\_\_ North Korea’s Soviet trained army storms across the 38th parallel and invades South Korea