






- 1 **KOREAN WAR**
- 2 **LEADING TO CONFLICT**
 - ✗ After WWII 38th Parallel separates the communist half and democratic half of Korea
 - ✗ Splits Korea in half
 - ✗ North Korea becomes communist
 - ✗ South Korea become democratic
- 3 **KOREAN WAR BEGINS**
 - ✗ War breaks out when North Korea attempts to unite Korea by force and take over South Korea
 - ✗ Truman determined to respond, cites instances from past as to why retaliation and defense is needed
 - ✗ Goes to UN and gains unanimous support by showing North Korea as the aggressor
- 4 **KOREAN WAR**
 - ✗ Truman wastes no time after receiving support
 - ✗ Would send 7th Fleet to protect Taiwan
 - ✗ Ordered American air and naval support
 - ✗ Later sent in ground troops
 - ✗ Truman did not go to Congress for declaration of war as required by Constitution
 - ✗ Both Democrats and Republicans praised his actions nevertheless
- 5 **KOREAN WAR**
 - ✗ UN sets up United Nations Command and asks US to choose commander for UN forces.
 - ✗ 16 member nations contributed troops or arms
 - ✗ US however, makes up 80% of troops that served on the UN side during Korean War
- 6 **GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR**
 - ✗ MacArthur is selected as the UN commander during Korean War
 - ✗ Brilliant military tactician
 - ✗ With Soviet tanks and air power, North Koreans have swept thru South Korea
 - ✗ MacArthur decides to attack their supply lines
 - ✗ Why would MacArthur attack North Korean supply lines?

- 7  **FIGHTING CONTINUES**
- ✗ MacArthur's strategy works magnificently, now the momentum lies with the South Koreans
 - ✗ North Koreans are in a full retreat
 - ✗ Now talk shifts to South Koreans being able to unite the country
 - ✗ This alarms the Chinese Communists who had only been in power a year
- 8  **FIGHTING CONTINUES**
- ✗ South Koreans have pushed North Koreans to the Chinese border
 - ✗ China warns not to advance any further
 - ✗ MacArthur ignores warning and advances
 - ✗ Trying to drive enemy across Chinese border and end the war
- 9  **MORE FIGHTING**
- ✗ Chinese forces now pour over the border at the Yalu River and catch UN forces by surprise
 - ✗ Now the North Koreans have regained momentum and are pushing the South Koreans back
 - ✗ South Koreans are pushed back across the 38th parallel into South Korea. Stalemate develops
- 10  **MACARTHUR FIRED**
- ✗ MacArthur wants to break stalemate by having Jiang Jieshi return from Taiwan to attack Chinese Communists
 - ✗ Truman disagrees fearing this could lead to widespread war in Asia
 - ✗ MacArthur unable to sway Truman sends a letter to House Minority Leader Joseph Martin in March 1951 attacking Presidents policies
 - ✗ Martin makes the letter public and Truman fires MacArthur for insubordination
 - ✗ MacArthur returns home to hero's welcome
- 11  **KOREAN WAR ENDS**
- ✗ Stalemate continues for two years at 38th parallel
 - ✗ Peace talks have stalled
 - ✗ Rumor of Eisenhower using atomic weapons becomes widespread

- ✘ Peace talks then resume and a truce is reached and signed in 1953

- ✘ Left Korea divided at almost exactly same point as before the war along 38th parallel

12  **EFFECTS OF KOREAN WAR**

- ✘ Known as the forgotten war

- ✘ Caused frustration in US as 54,000 Americans died and 103,000 were wounded for such limited results

- ✘ Made American people question whether the government was serious about stopping communism

- ✘ First war where whites and African Americans fought together and not segregated

- ✘ Helped to shape US policy in Asia