

Containing Communism in Korea – The Korean War

Key Vocabulary

- _____: if one nation fell to communism, then others in the area would follow just like dominoes falling over.
- _____: a political system in which all economic & social activities are controlled by the government dominated by a single political party
- **Armistice:**

- _____: an area where it is forbidden to station a military force that is located between the borders of North & South Korea along the 38th parallel

Causes of Korean War

- Following World War II, Japanese control over Korea was replaced by _____ and _____ presence that split the country into two roughly equal parts at the _____ parallel.
- North Korea was controlled by the _____ and became _____.
- South Korea was guided by the _____ and became _____.
- Americans feared the domino theory at this time.
- _____: if one nation fell to communism, then others in the area would follow just like dominoes falling over.
- The U.S. feared that if all of Korea became a Communist nation, then other nations in Asia would become Communist as well.
- The Korean War is referred to as a _____ because both sides gained and lost large amounts of territory.

Results of the War

- The war lasted three years and ended in a stalemate, with neither side gaining much in terms of territory.

- In 1953, an _____ was declared.
- **Armistice:** _____. (Longest _____ in history)
- No _____ ending the war has ever been signed.
- The 38th parallel remains the approximate border between North and South Korea with a _____ in between the two countries.
- Today, roughly _____ U.S. soldiers provide a defense force guarding against invasion from the North Koreans.

Review Questions:

Why did the U.S. enter the Korean War?

Why was the Korean War referred to as a “see-saw war”?

What did the U.S. & South Korea sign with North Korea & China to end the war?