**Korean War, 1950-1953**

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| **Advantages & Disadvantages** | **Leaders** |
| **United States & South Korea*** U.S. bases in Japan
* Support of the United Nations

**North Korea & China*** Belief in communism
* North Korea’s proximity to China, large armies in the region
 | **United States & South Korea** **Civilian –** Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower (US), Syngman Rhee (South Korea) **Military –** Douglas MacArthur**North Korea & China** **Civilian –** Kim Il-Sung (North Korea), Mao Zedong (China) **Military –** n/a |
| **Causes** | **Strategies** |
| **Long Term*** Japanese occupation of Korea was ended by Soviet invasion at end of WWII
* Korea was divided between communist (Kim) and capitalist (Rhee) halves at the 38th parallel
* Reunification elections were scheduled

**Short Term/”Spark”*** North Korea withdrew from elections and invaded South Korea in 1950
 | **United States & South Korea*** Containment policy
* U.S. leadership of United Nations forces
* MacArthur wanted to expand scope of war, but was fired by Truman for insubordination
* Limited war… no direct attacks on China and no use of nuclear weapons

**North Korea & China*** China aided North Korea
* China became directly involved when fighting approached Chinese border
* Human wave attacks
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| **Turning Points** | **Homefront** |
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| **Battle/Event** | **Significance** |
| Battle of Inchon, 1950Chinese intervention, 1950 | US/UN forces arrived in an amphibious assaultChina directly intervened with its military when North Korean forces were pushed back near the Sino-Korean border |

 | * “Forgotten War”… Korean war ended in a stalemate and was sandwiched between the more memorable Allied victory in World War II and the defeat of US in the Vietnam War
* Truman fired MacArthur for insubordination (civilian control over the military)
* Red Scare & McCarthyism
* Eisenhower was elected in 1952
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| **End of War** | **Non-Treaty Results** |
| * Stalemate and armistice around the 38th Parallel in 1953
* “Demilitarized Zone” (DMZ) created at the 38th parallel
 | * Permanent U.S. military bases in South Korea and Japan
* Economic development and rising standard of living in South Korea
* Totalitarianism, famine and economic stagnation in North Korea
* North Korea has developed nuclear weapons
* Kim family & cult of personality has continued to rule North Korea
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