

# Korean War - Webquest

**Directions:** Complete the following questions using the link listed below.

<http://www.history.com/topics/korean-war>



1. When did the Korean War begin?
2. What caused the outbreak of the Korean War?
3. Explain how Korean was divided between the northern half and the southern half. How did this division occur? Where did this division occur?

4. By the end of the decade, two new states had formed on the peninsula. In the \_\_\_\_\_, the anti-communist dictator \_\_\_\_\_ (1875-1965) enjoyed the reluctant support of the American government; in the \_\_\_\_\_, the communist dictator \_\_\_\_\_ (1912-1994) enjoyed the slightly more enthusiastic support of the Soviets.
5. In what way did the growing conflict in Korea symbolize the overall Cold War?
6. How did President Harry S. Truman view the Korean War?
7. Who was Douglas MacArthur?
8. What role did China play in the conflict? How did it impact the decisions of the Americans?
9. Explain the tensions that grew between MacArthur and Truman. What was the source of the tensions and what did it lead to?

10. Explain how the Korean War ended.

11. The Korean War was relatively short but exceptionally bloody. Nearly \_\_\_\_ million people died. More than half of these—about 10 percent of Korea's prewar population—were \_\_\_\_\_. (This rate of civilian casualties was higher than World War II's and Vietnam's.) Almost \_\_\_\_\_ Americans died in action in Korea, and more than \_\_\_\_\_ were wounded.

12. What is the legacy of the Korean War? Why is it still significant today?

# Vietnam War - Webquest

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<http://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/vietnam-war-history>



1. What was the timeframe of the Vietnam War?
2. During World War II, \_\_\_\_\_ invaded and occupied Vietnam, a nation on the eastern edge of the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia that had been under \_\_\_\_\_ administration since the late 19th century.
3. Who was Ho Chi Minh and what did he do?



9. What was "Operation Rolling Thunder"?

10. In March 1965, \_\_\_\_\_ made the decision—with solid support from the American public—to send U.S. combat forces into battle in Vietnam. By June, \_\_\_\_\_ combat troops were stationed in Vietnam, and General William Westmoreland was calling for \_\_\_\_\_ more by the end of 1965 to shore up the struggling South Vietnamese army.

11. What is meant by a strategy of "attrition"?

12. How were the Viet Cong able to resupply and strengthen their air defenses?

13. By November 1967, the number of American troops in Vietnam was approaching \_\_\_\_\_, and U.S. casualties had reached \_\_\_\_\_ killed and \_\_\_\_\_ wounded.

14. Explain the issues that American government began to face within its own armed forces and on the home front as the Vietnam War dragged on.

15. What was the Tet Offensive?

16. Following the Tet Offensive, what did President Johnson argue in favor of?

17. Explain President Nixon's term "Vietnamization".

18. The website states that the anti-war protests related to the Vietnam War divided the USA bitterly. What evidence does the website provide to show this bitter divide?

19. When and where was the largest American anti-war protest?

20. What is meant by "draft-dodging"? Why was this a problem for the United States?

21. What was the incident at Kent State? Why is this event significant?

22. When and how did the United States leave the conflict in Vietnam?

23. How did the Vietnam War affect the Vietnamese?

24. In the United States, the effects of the Vietnam War would linger long after the last troops returned home in 1973. The nation spent more than \_\_\_\_\_ billion on the conflict in Vietnam from 1965-73.

25. In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was unveiled in Washington, D.C. On it were inscribed the names of \_\_\_\_\_ American armed forces killed or missing during the war; later additions brought that total to \_\_\_\_\_.





2. In 1949, the Soviets tested an \_\_\_\_\_ of their own. In response, President Truman announced that the United States would build an even more destructive atomic weapon: the \_\_\_\_\_, or "superbomb."
3. Explain how the "arms race" impacted American citizens and culture in the early decades of the Cold War.
4. On October 4, 1957, a Soviet R-7 intercontinental ballistic missile launched the satellite Sputnik (Russian for "traveler") into orbit.
  - a. What was the significance of "Sputnik" in terms of the "space race"?
  - b. How did the United States feel about the launching of "Sputnik"?
5. What two things did the United States do in 1958 in relation to the "space race"?
6. According to the website, who was leading the "space race" in April of 1961? Why?

7. Who was the first American in space? When did he go into space?
8. Explain the event that effectively won the "space race" for the United States.
9. What was the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)?
10. Explain how the HUAC impacted Hollywood in the 1950's.
11. Who was Senator Joseph McCarthy?
12. According to the website, why did the United States go to war in Korea in the 1950's?
13. How and when did the Korean War end?

14. In the early 1960s, President Kennedy faced a number of troubling situations in his own hemisphere. The \_\_\_\_\_ invasion in 1961 and the \_\_\_\_\_ the following year seemed to prove that the real communist threat now lay in the unstable, postcolonial "Third World".

15. In what way was the Vietnam War an example of containment?

16. Explain the two opposing sides in the Vietnam War.

17. Explain the "Cold War" policy of "détente".

18. What was the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT I)? In what way was it an example of "détente"?

19. What is meant by the "Reagan Doctrine"?

20. What two policies did Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev introduce in the Soviet Union in the late 1980's? Why did he introduce these policies?

21. Why do you think the fall of the Berlin Wall was important to the end of the overall Cold War?