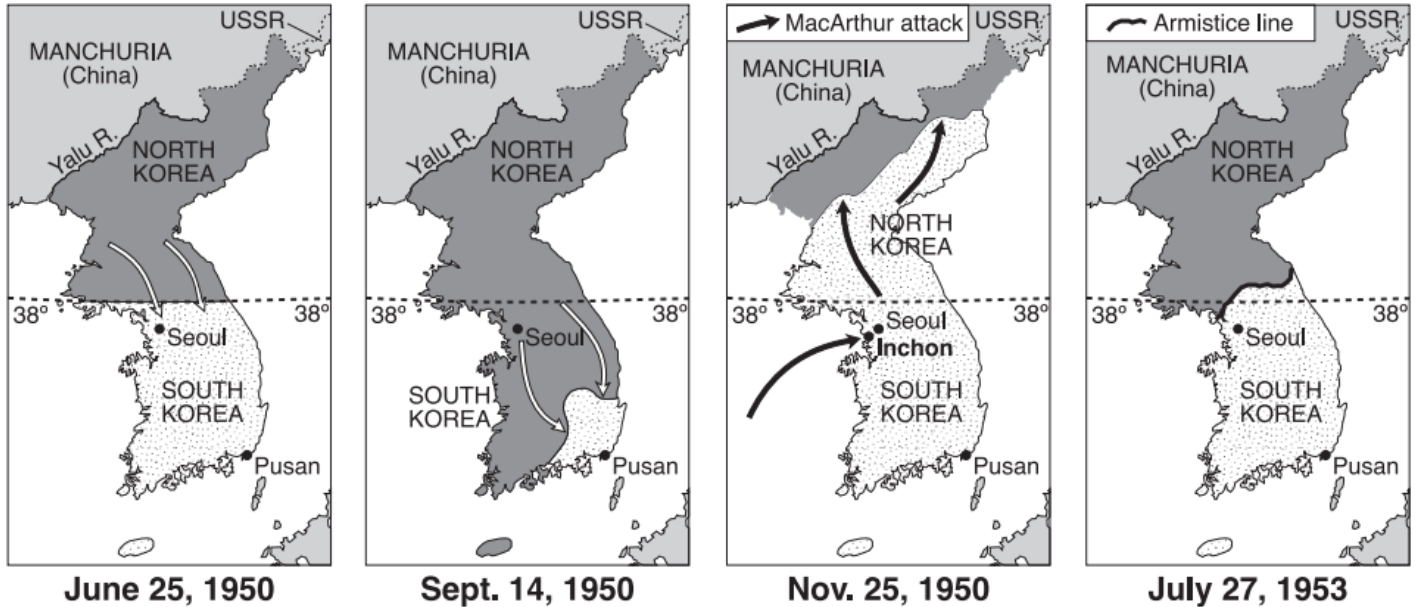


Warm-Up: Korean War (1950 – 1953)

The Korean War



At the end of World War II the United States and the Soviet Union divided Korea into two sections—Communist North Korea and Democratic South Korea. In June of 1950 the Communists invaded the South in an attempt to unite all of Korea under Communist rule. The poorly armed South Koreans were no match for the Communist North Koreans and much of the South fell under Communist rule. America quickly came to the aid of South Korea almost driving the Communists out of the country. However, the Communist Chinese Army also stepped in to defend North Korea. The war became a stalemate and a cease fire agreement was reached on July 27th, 1953. Today, Korea remains divided with a Communist government in the North and Democracy in the South.

1. According to the maps above, what effect did the Korean War have on North and South Korea?
2. What did the United States and the Soviet Union do to Korea at the end of World War II?
3. What problem erupted in Korea in 1950? What four nations became involved?
4. Why do you think that America continues to come to the aid of South Korea?