

History of International Politics (East Asia focus) – [E]

“The Korean War (1950 to 1953)”

Class Discussion Questions from
“The International Consequences of World War Two
in East Asia” Lecture.

1. What was the Cold War?
2. What were some of the main consequences of the end of World War II and the start of the Cold War in East Asia?
3. What does ‘decolonization’ mean? Why was it difficult for colonial powers such as the UK, France, and the Netherlands to regain control of their colonies in East Asia after World War II?
4. Briefly discuss the consequences of World War II for Vietnam.
5. What did the term ‘proxy war’ mean in the context of the Cold War?
6. What did the term ‘the domino effect’ mean in the context of the Cold War?
7. What did the term ‘containment theory’ mean in the context of the Cold War?

8. How did the USA deal with its colony, the Philippines immediately after World War II?
9. What does the term 'neo-colonialism' mean?
10. Briefly describe the US occupation of Japan from 1945 to 1952. What were the US' main objectives in Japan in this period? How and why did the occupation come to an end?
11. Who was General Douglas McArthur?
12. What is Article Nine of the Japanese Constitution? Why is it still a sensitive issue for Japan and neighboring states such as China and South Korea?
13. Who was Shigeru Yoshida? What was the Yoshida Doctrine?
14. What was the Chinese Civil War? Why were the Chinese communists able to win the war? When was the People's Republic of China (PRC) established?
15. What happened to Chiang Kai-shek and his nationalist regime after their defeat in the Chinese Civil War?
16. What was the Sino-Soviet Alliance?