

“The Vietnam War (1955 to 1975)”

**Class Discussion Questions from
“The Korean War (1950 to 1953)” Lecture.**

1. Why did the victorious Allied Powers decide to divide Korea at the end of World War II?
2. What is the 38th Parallel?
3. What was the Jeju Massacre (April 1948)?
4. Who was Kim Il-Sung?
5. Who was Syngman Rhee?
6. What are the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)? When were they established?
7. Briefly discuss the causes of the Korean War.
8. Why did Kim Il-Sung decide to invade South Korea in June 1950?
9. Describe what happened (i.e. the course of events) during the Korean War.

10. Identify the main combatant forces during the Korean War.
11. What role did the United Nations play in the Korean War?
12. What was the Pusan / Busan Perimeter (also known as the Pusan / Busan Pocket)?
13. What was the Inch'on Landing (September 1950)? Why was it important?
14. Why did the People's Republic of China become directly involved in the Korean War? What were the consequences of China's involvement?
15. What was the Korean Armistice Agreement (July 1953)
16. What were some of the main consequences of the Korean War?
17. What is the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)?
18. How did Japan and Taiwan benefit from the Korean War?