

The Cold War

Gets Hot:

The Korean

War

The Korean War: The Cold War Gets Hot

The U.S. gained possession of Korea after WWII from Japan.

The U.S. and Russia partition Korea at the 38th parallel

–Russia controls North Korea

–The U.S. controls South Korea



The Korean War: The Cold War Gets Hot

- N. Korea invades S. Korea
- The U.S. did not want another country to be communist.
- June 27, 1950 – U.N. members met to support South Korea
- General Douglas MacArthur led U.N. forces into South Korea



The Korean War: The Cold War Gets Hot

North Koreans
driven out of South
Korea at one point,
and North Korean
Capital captured



The Korean War: The Cold War Gets Hot

Chinese came in from the North and drove the U.N. forces out.



The Korean War: The Cold War Gets Hot

July 27, 1953, 2 sides
signed cease fire agreement,
war ended in stalemate

MacArthur wanted ground
and air attacks on China,
Truman refused, MacArthur
lost his position after
speaking out against
Truman



The Korean War: The Cold War Gets Hot

After three years of fighting
2 countries remained divided
by 38th parallel

Today:

- North Korea is a
Communist Dictatorship
- South Korea is a Capitalist
Democracy





THE KOREAN WAR