

## Korean War

Use the map in America: History of Our Nation, page 851, to answer the following questions:

1. What country is located just north of North Korea? **Communist China**
2. What geographic feature separates North Korea from its northern neighbor? **The Yalu River (which by the way is frozen during the winter and therefore becomes very easy to cross)**
3. When the North Koreans attacked they almost capture all of South Korea. The one small part they did not capture included an area surround what city? **The city was Pusan and this area becomes known as the Pusan Perimeter.**
4. Then U.S./United Nations forces made a surprise landing by coming in from the sea (which is called an amphibious landing). They landed at Inchon. Describe the location of Inchon. Why do you think the US/UN general picked this location? **Inchon is located about 20 miles west of Seoul, which is the capital of South Korea. He knew that if he recaptured Seoul it would be a huge morale lift for the South Koreans. He also knew that he would have a large seaport to resupply his troops and the South Korean people who need humanitarian aid.**
5. Now, imagine you are in the North Korean military and you are fighting US and UN forces down near Pusan. You just get word that they (US/UN forces) have landed at Inchon. What would be your biggest fear and what might you do next? **I would be concerned that my supply line might be cut off and that all of my retreat routes would be blocked. I would start heading north as quickly as possible to keep that from happening.**
6. US/UN forces are very successful at this point and push the North Koreans back across the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel (which is another word for latitude line). **How far north do the US/UN forces get by November of 1950? US/UN forces got very close to the Yalu River. Near the middle of the River they were only about 5 miles away.**
7. Now, about 200,000 Chinese soldiers come to the aid of North Korea. Why? **First, the North Koreans are communist. The Chinese feel they should help fellow communists. Next, the Communist Chinese do not want to have a western supported government right on their border. They would much rather have a friendly country (Communist North Korea) between them and a western style democracy (South Korea).**
8. How far south do the Chinese push the US/UN forces? **With all of the extra Chinese manpower, the North Koreans push US/UN forces about 40 miles south of Seoul which means the North Koreans have recaptured the South Korean capital.**
9. Armistice is a word meaning where the forces agree to stop fighting while they work out a peace treaty. Describe the location of the Armistice line in Jul 1953. **The location is about the same place the border was when the war started. After 3 years of fighting the two sides were back to where they had started.**