

## KOREAN WAR.

### Causes:

- Mao October 1949.
- USSR boycotted the Security Council UN, because Taiwan got to represent China.
- Korea was a Japanese colony since 1910.
  - Koreans treated as inferior people by the Japanese.
  - Japanese war atrocities during WW2. 2,6 million forced labourers (Wikip)
- Soviet occupied the north from summer 45, the US the south. Split along the 38th parallel.
  - Part of the Soviet aid to US in the war on Japan.
- In July 1948 Syngman Rhee, a strong anti-communist, is established as president of The Republic of South Korea. Kim Il-Sung, is established president of the Communist North, Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
  - Both want to reunite Korea under their ideology.
- June 1950 (25th) North Korean troops enter South Korea.
  - Kim Il Sung had talked to Stalin and got a go-ahead signal from him.
  - Stalin had hesitated but after the Chinese Communist victory he dared to give the signal.

### Event:

- North win first.
- UN Resolution asking for the North to withdraw.
- US under UN flag "Police Action" against the North.
- US Attack on Incheon and the North is pushed back.
- Oct 1 1950 the UN forces cross the 38th parallel and enter N Korea.
- Oct 8 1950 the Chinese enter the conflict, "volunteers"
- Yalu River. Border between China and Korea. UN reach there in Winter 50/51.
- Chinese Winter offensive, "Chinese Volunteers", over one million soldiers.
- USSR Fighter pilots directly involved in the war.
- UN Forces backed down towards the 38th parallel.
- Stalemate July 51 - July 53.
- Truce 27 July 1953.

### Why war over Korea but not over Germany?

- Kim Il Sung.
- Containment

### Why didn't the Korean War develop into a Third World War? Why part of the COLD war?

- UN could be used, it was not a war between US and USSR, but a Civil war between N and S Korea?
- USSR had a nuclear bomb too.
- China and Taiwan complicated things.
  - Mao and MacArthur wanted to use the Nuclear bomb.