

## WARM UP:

- The Korean War started in 1950. How did events leading up to it after WWII contribute to the war?
  - Think about factors that brought conflict between the US & USSR after WWII

# WHY A WAR IN KOREA?

- ◉ Why did the North Koreans invade South Korea?
- ◉ Did the Soviet Union help North Korea?
- ◉ Why did the UN go and help South Korea?

# SATELLITE NATIONS

- ◉ Stalin needed a “buffer zone” for future protection
- ◉ Instilled communist gov'ts in:
  - E. Europe
  - North Korea
  - North Vietnam



# BIRNEY'S WAR IN KOREA

- ◉ When did Birney arrive in Korea? How long was he there?
- ◉ Did Birney receive military training like regular soldiers? Describe.
- ◉ What is the name of his medical unit?
- ◉ What are the 3 levels of triage?
- ◉ What is the 4<sup>th</sup> group that they didn't talk about? Why were they put in that group?
- ◉ List 3 questions you'd like to ask Dr. Birney Dibble tomorrow?

# KOREAN WAR

# THE KOREAN WAR

- Japan had ruled Korea until 1945 when it partially surrendered to the Soviets and Americans
- The split was the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel line
- Two nations developed, one communist and one democratic
  - What does this remind you of?
- US had the South Soviets the North
- June 25, 1950
- North Korea invades South Korea starting the Korean War



# KOREAN WAR CONT.

- ◉ South Korea called on the UN for support - the Soviet Union was not present b/c they were boycotting
- ◉ The vote passed
- ◉ Truman sent over soldiers that were stationed in Japan and also some of the Navy Fleet to defend Taiwan
- ◉ 16 nations sent 520,000 troops to aid South Korea
- ◉ Over 90% of them were American troops
- ◉ These combined forces were placed under General Douglas MacArthur

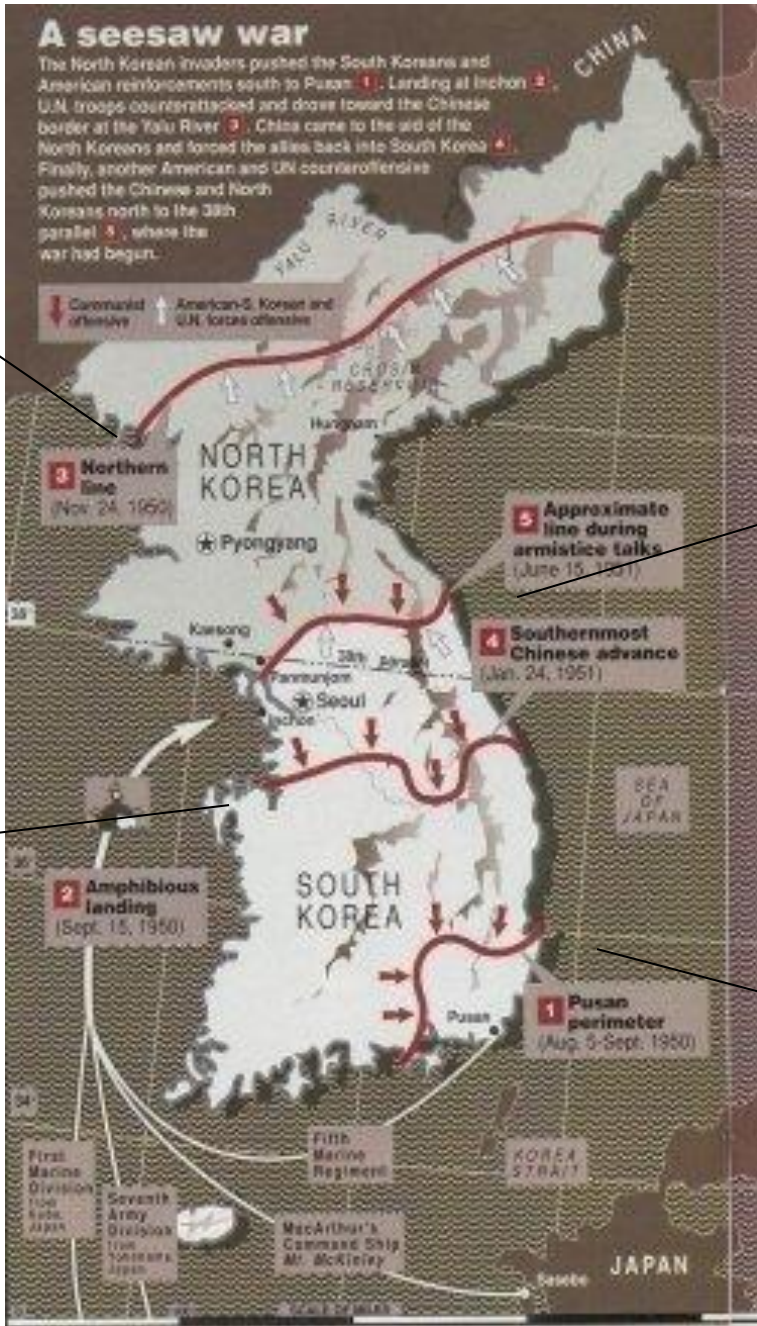


# FIGHTING

- N Korea has success at first, taking Seoul
- Then MacArthur launches an even more successful counter attack
- As they went further North China got worried and joined the fight with North Korea
- With the help of China the Americans were pushed back and Seoul was taken
- Fighting continues for a while with no large gains
- Eventually the Americans are able to push them back to the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel
  - They are back where they started







**Farthest US/UN Advance**

**38<sup>th</sup> Parallel Line**

**Farthest Chinese Advance**

**Farthest N. Korean Advance 1950**

# FOLLOW THE LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FIGHTING

- <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/macarthur/maps/koreatxt.html>
  - Read through each stage of the fighting and look at every map as you do so
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuglTooIcTY>
  - Watch this youtube video to get a sense of the progression of the fighting

# CHINA

- MacArthur suggests attacking China and using nuclear weapons on them
- Truman says no because it would lead to WWII
- MacArthur continues to promote his views that we should attack China and goes above the President's head
- Truman was furious with his behavior and fired him
  - This is an issue because he was thought to be a hero
- Truman let people be mad for a while and carefully timed stepping back into the limelight, when he did people were on board with his plans again



# STALEMATE

- ◉ Cease fire 1953
- ◉ They established a cease fire and a demilitarized zone between the two nations
- ◉ Communism was **NOT** eliminated but it was contained for now
- ◉ Americans were upset with how many died fighting and how expensive it was considering they were unsuccessful
- ◉ They were eager to elect a Republican President and WWII hero: Dwight D. Eisenhower

