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The Cold War in Asia
Crash Course US History #38

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Korean War

- ★ The Korean War lasted from _____ until _____.
- ★ It was sometimes called the Forgotten War.
- ★ At the end of WWII, Korea split into a communist _____ and an anti-communist _____.
- ★ The civil war between North and South Korea turned into a full-fledged international conflict in _____. The north invaded the south and the US responded.
- ★ Harry Truman never received approval from Congress to declare war. In fact, he never called it a war but instead a “_____”.
- ★ General Douglas MacArthur was the commander in charge.
- ★ Harry Truman wanted to _____ Korea as a non-communist state.
- ★ Chinese forces didn't want American troops near their border so they joined the side of North Korea, launching a counter-attack on _____.
- ★ They were at a stalemate by Christmas 1950. **Remember a stalemate is where there are no more available tactical moves.**
- ★ Dwight D. _____ was elected president in 1952 in hopes of getting America out of Korea.

- ★ PROFOUND EFFECTS OF THE KOREAN WAR
 - Expensive in terms of _____ and _____;
 - Strengthened _____ power in the US;
 - Strengthened Cold War _____;
 - Set the stage for the _____.

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Vietnam War

- ★ The Domino Theory (or Domino Effect) was the belief that if Vietnam became a communist country, communism would spread to other countries as well.
- ★ America threw support behind the _____ in their war to maintain their colonial empire.
- ★ The first major involvement of American troops began in the early 1960s.
 - Their role was to _____ the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.
- ★ Many people associate American involvement in Vietnam to President John F. Kennedy.
 - However, the major escalation of American troops in Vietnam started under President _____.
- ★ Operation _____ Thunder began in Spring _____.
- ★ Capturing territory wasn't meaningful so commanders kept track of _____ counts in an attempt to keep up with "who was winning".
- ★ There was a lot of jungle fighting and bombing during the Vietnam War.
- ★ Most American soldiers were from _____ classes.
- ★ Richard Nixon had a "_____ _____" to end the Vietnam War.
 - "Vietnamization" - gradually withdrawing American troops while leaving the fighting to the Vietnamese.
 - Send troops with bombs into Cambodia to destroy the supply line to Vietnam.
 - DIDN'T WORK!
- ★ When the "Pentagon Papers" were leaked, it became widely known that the US government had been misleading Americans about war.
 - Led to protests
- ★ In 1973, the _____ Agreement allowed for the withdrawal of US troops from Vietnam. But the fighting didn't stop there.
- ★ In 1975, North Vietnam conquered South Vietnam, creating a single _____ Vietnam.