

**GCSE History – Conflict and Tension in Asia, 1950-1975**

**KOREAN WAR**



1. What do we mean by the term the 'Cold War'?

2. Why didn't the USA and USSR get on at the end of WW2?

- Different political systems
- History of mistrust
- Truman vs. Stalin
- Events of the Cold War in the 1940s

3. How did the people of the USA feel about communism?

4. How did the people of the USSR feel about capitalism?

5. Why did the USA become involved in the Korean War?

- Different political systems
- The Cold War context
- The division of North Korea and South Korea
- North Korea's invasion of South Korea
- US policy of containment

6. How were the United Nations involved in the conflict?

- How did their involvement help the USA?
- Why didn't the Soviet Union block this action?

7. Do you know key events in the Korean War June 1950-July 1953?

- \*\*\*Suggestion – make a timeline to show these events
- Split between North Korea and South Korea
  - North Korean invasion of South Korea
  - Inchon landings
  - UN troops cross 38<sup>th</sup> parallel
  - Chinese involvement in Korean War
  - MacArthur divides troops when attacking Chinese forces
  - Dispute between Truman and MacArthur
  - MacArthur dismissed
  - Stalemate at 38<sup>th</sup> parallel
  - Eisenhower elected
  - Stalin dies
  - Armistice signed




8. What impact did General Douglas MacArthur have on the Korean War?

9. Was the Korean War a success for containment?

10. The End of the Korean War

- What was the armistice agreement?
- When was the armistice signed?
- What problems were there reaching this agreement?
- How does each side view outcome of the conflict?

11. What were the consequences of the Korean War?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For North Korea and South Korea</li> <li>- For USA</li> <li>- For China</li> <li>- For the Cold War</li> </ul>			
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<p><b>12. Why did France withdraw from Vietnam in 1954?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• France’s rule over Vietnam and the First Indo-China War</li> <li>• Battle of Dien Bien Phu – why a turning point in the First Indo-China war?</li> <li>• Geneva Agreement – what was agreed? What was the impact on Vietnam?</li> </ul>			
<p><b>13. Why did a civil war break out in Vietnam?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unpopularity of Dinh Diem as ruler of South Vietnam – opposition to Diem</li> <li>• 1955 election – breaking the Geneva Agreement</li> <li>• USA’s involvement – support to the ARVN and propaganda campaign</li> <li>• End of Diem – military coup and assassination</li> </ul>			
<p><b>14. Why did the USA increase their involvement in Vietnam?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political reasons e.g. containment, domino theory, elections, France as ally</li> <li>• Economic reasons e.g. trade opportunity</li> <li>• Know the US Presidents involved in Vietnam – their motives for involvement and how this involvement increased over time</li> </ul>			
<p><b>15. Why did the Gulf of Tonkin incident lead to US direct military involvement?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gulf of Tonkin incident – what happened?</li> <li>• Gulf of Tonkin Resolution - US Congress / LBJ = ‘any necessary measures’</li> </ul>			
<p><b>16. What were the tactics of the Vietcong and why were they so effective?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and describe tactics used by the Vietcong e.g. guerrilla warfare, booby traps, hanging on to their belts, spider holes, tunnel network, weapons used, support from USSR and China, Ho Chi Minh trails etc.</li> <li>• Motivations and morale of Vietcong</li> <li>• Explain why these tactics proved effective against the US army</li> </ul>			
<p><b>17. What tactics were used by the US army and why were they ineffective?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and describe tactics used by the US army e.g. strategic hamlets/ villages, airstrikes (Operation Rolling Thunder), search and destroy, advanced weapons, chemical warfare e.g. agent orange, napalm, winning the hearts and minds</li> <li>• Lack of motivation, inexperience and low morale of the US troops</li> <li>• Explain why these tactics were ineffective against the Vietcong</li> </ul>			
<p><b>18. Why was the Tet Offensive an important turning point in the Vietnam War?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What was the Tet Offensive?</li> <li>- What was the outcome for the Vietcong? For the US army? For the US public?</li> <li>- How did the news reports of the Tet Offensive change US public opinion?</li> </ul>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why was the Tet Offensive an important turning point in the war / for LBJ?</li> </ul>			
<p><b>19. Why was the My Lai Massacre shocking to the American public?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What happened at My Lai?</li> <li>- How were events at My Lai covered up and then exposed?</li> <li>- What was the impact on: US government? US army? US public?</li> <li>- Was the sentence given to Lieutenant William Calley justified?</li> </ul>			
<p><b>20. Who protested against the war in Vietnam?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and describe different groups of people against the war in Vietnam and their methods of protest e.g. hippies, students, veterans, Black Americans, draft dodgers etc.</li> <li>• Key events / people linked to protest e.g. Mohammad Ali, Martin Luther King</li> <li>• What impact did the protests have on US policy in Vietnam? – impact on LBJ</li> </ul>			
<p><b>21. Why did Nixon introduce Vietnamisation?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was Vietnamisation and why did Nixon introduce the policy?</li> <li>• Why was Vietnamisation a success initially?</li> <li>• Was Vietnamisation a failure?</li> </ul>			
<p><b>22. What happened at Kent State University?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events at Kent State</li> <li>• What can we learn from Kent State about public reaction to Vietnam?</li> </ul>			
<p><b>23. Did media coverage undermine the US war effort?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• War in your living room – the influence of the media on public opinion</li> <li>• Key images / scenes e.g. napalm on children, South Vietnamese police shooting Vietcong suspect, My Lai etc.</li> <li>• Walter Cronkite – influential reporter</li> <li>• Watergate Scandal and Nixon’s resignation</li> </ul>			
<p><b>24. Why did the USA withdraw from Vietnam?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and explain several factors for USA’s withdrawal (see details above)</li> <li>• Vietcong’s effective tactics, US army’s ineffective tactics, Media influence, Protest Movement, Lack of Support from South Vietnamese, Support given to Vietcong by USSR and China, Tet Offensive etc.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>25. How did the war in Vietnam come to an end?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paris Peace Talks</li> <li>• US troops withdraw in 1973</li> <li>• The fall of Saigon to communists in 1975 / evacuation of Saigon</li> </ul>			
<p><b>26. What were the consequences of the Vietnam War?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consequences of the war on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- USA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

- Cold War relations
- Vietnamese citizens
- Vietnamese society

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