1945 – 1953

Korean War Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. Why was Korea divided after World War II?

- (A) China and the US each occupied half after the Korean War began
- (B) Japan split it into two colonies before surrendering in 1945
- (C) The US and Soviet Union each occupied half after Japan's defeat
- (D) The Korean people voted in 1948 to split into two separate countries

2. What happened on June 25, 1950?

- (A) UN forces landed at Inchon behind North Korean lines
- (B) North Korean forces invaded South Korea in a surprise attack
- (C) An armistice was signed at Panmunjom to stop the fighting
- (D) Chinese forces crossed the Yalu River and attacked the UN troops

3. What was the Inchon Landing?

- (A) A landing by Chinese troops across the Yalu River that pushed the UN back
- (B) A landing by Soviet troops in North Korea at the end of World War II
- (C) A landing by North Korean troops near Pusan that began the war
- (D) A landing by MacArthur behind North Korean lines that turned the war

4. Why did China enter the Korean War in October 1950?

- (A) UN forces were nearing its border, and it feared a hostile army there
- (B) South Korea had invaded Chinese territory across the Yalu River
- (C) Japan had rejoined the war, and it feared another Japanese invasion of China
- (D) The United States asked it to help push back North Korea

5. Why was General MacArthur fired by President Truman?

- (A) He publicly criticized Truman's decision to limit the war
- (B) He signed a ceasefire with North Korea without Truman's approval
- (C) He retreated from Inchon without orders from Truman
- (D) He refused Truman's order to cross the 38th parallel

6. What was the result of the Korean War armistice of 1953?

- (A) Fighting stopped after a peace treaty set elections to reunite Korea
- (B) Fighting stopped at Pusan, and Korea was united under the North
- (C) Fighting stopped at the Yalu River, and Korea was united under the South
- (D) Fighting stopped near the 38th parallel, but no peace treaty was signed

7. Why is the Korean War sometimes called the Forgotten War?

- (A) It involved no American troops, so US newspapers ignored it
- (B) It was overshadowed by World War II before it and Vietnam after it
- (C) It was fought in secret, and its records were sealed for 50 years
- (D) It lasted only a few weeks and caused very few casualties

8. What separates North and South Korea today?

- (A) The Yalu River, which forms a natural border between the two countries
- (B) The Pusan Perimeter, a line of forts built across the southern coast
- (C) The Demilitarized Zone, a guarded strip of land near the 38th parallel
- (D) The Sea of Japan, which lies between the two halves of the peninsula

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