1945 – 1953

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Korean War timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Inchon Landing**
General Douglas MacArthur leads a bold amphibious landing at Inchon, behind North Korean lines, cutting off the invaders and turning the tide of the war.

☐ **The Divided Peninsula**
The Demilitarized Zone — a 2.5-mile-wide buffer strip across the peninsula — becomes one of the most heavily fortified borders on Earth.

☐ **Eisenhower Elected**
Dwight Eisenhower wins the presidential election largely by promising to visit Korea and end the war.

☐ **Armistice Signed**
An armistice is signed at Panmunjom, ending the fighting; the boundary between North and South Korea is fixed near the 38th parallel.

☐ **Two Koreas Established**
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North) and the Republic of Korea (South) are formally established as separate governments.

☐ **China Enters the War**
As UN forces approach the Chinese border, China sends hundreds of thousands of troops across the Yalu River, pushing UN forces back south in brutal winter fighting.

☐ **Korea Divided**
After Japan's defeat in World War II, Korea is divided at the 38th parallel between Soviet-occupied North Korea and US-occupied South Korea.

☐ **MacArthur Fired**
President Truman fires General MacArthur for publicly criticizing the administration's decision to limit the war and not attack China directly.

☐ **Stalemate and Trench Warfare**
The front stabilizes near the 38th parallel; both sides dig in for two years of grinding warfare while peace talks drag on.

☐ **North Korea Invades**
North Korean forces cross the 38th parallel and invade South Korea, rapidly overrunning most of the peninsula.

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1948	2.	Two Koreas Established
June 25, 1950	3.	North Korea Invades
September 1950	4.	Inchon Landing
October 1950	5.	China Enters the War
April 1951	6.	MacArthur Fired
1951–53	7.	Stalemate and Trench Warfare
1952	8.	Eisenhower Elected
July 27, 1953	9.	Armistice Signed
1953 onward	10.	The Divided Peninsula