North Korea. South Korea

History of a Divided Nation
The Divided Nation Today
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Republic of Korea (ROK)
• Population: 49,779,000
• GDP: $1.622 Trillion  
  Per capita: $32,431
• Government:
  Unitary presidential constitutional republic
• President Lee Myung-bak

Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)
• Population: 24,451,285
• GDP: $45 Billion  
  Per capita: $2,400
• Government:
  Juche unitary single-party state
• Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un
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ROK
• Economy:
  – Samsung, LG, Hyundai, Kia, etc.
• Popular culture:
  K-pop
  K-dramas

DPRK
• Economy:
  – Military products, minerals and metallurgical products, garments, etc.
• Popular culture:
Korea under Japanese rule (1910-1945)

- Political turmoil in Korea, 1880s
- Donghak Peasant Revolution, 1894
- First Sino-Japanese War, 1894
- Eulmi Incident, 1895
- Korean Empire, 1896
- Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905
- Eulsa Treaty, 1905
- Second Peace Conference in the Hague, 1907
- Japan-Korea Annexation Treaty, 1907
After WWII

• Japan surrenders in World War II, 1945
• Soviet Union invades Manchuria, 1945
• 38th Parallel
• North Korea established, 1948  
  – Kim Il Sung
• South Korea established, 1948  
  – Rhee Seungman
• North Korea invasion, 1950
Korean War

- June 1950: North Korea crosses 38th parallel and invaded South Korea.
- September 1950: US and UN intervenes
- October 1950: China intervenes
- November 1950 - April 1951: Chinese offensive
- July 1951 - July 1953: Stalemate
- July 1953: Armistice Agreement
- **Casualties**: US: 33K, China: ~400K, DPRK:~500K, ROK: ~400K
Conflicts After Korean War

• Korean DMZ Conflict (1966-1969)
• Blue House Raid (1968)
  – Unit 684
• The Pueblo Incident (1968)
  – "We paean the DPRK [North Korea]. We paean the Korean people. We paean their great leader Kim Il Sung“ – Commander Lloyd M. Bucher
• Korean Airlines YS-11 Hijacking (1969)
• Ulchon-Samcheok Landings (1968)
• EC-121 Shootdown incident (1969)
• Axe murder incident (1976)
Conflicts After Korean War

- Rangoon bombing (1983)
- Korean Air Flight 858 (1987)
- ROKS Cheonan sinking (2010)
- Artillery firing on Yeonpyeong Island (2010)
Reconciliation

• First high level talks in Seoul (1990)
• Unified Korean team at World Table Tennis Competition in Japan (1991)
• Unified team competes at World Youth Football Competition in Portugal (1991)
• Sunshine Policy (1998-2008)
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