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Directions: Read the subtitled sections. Answer the questions that go with each of your assigned section.

1. COMMUNISTS GAIN CONTROL OF CHINA:

Define:  
Jiang Jieshi: Chinese Nationalist leader; fled to Taiwan
Mao Zedong: Chinese Communist leader; took over in 1949.

Who was blamed for China becoming a communist nation? Why?
Harry Truman. Some felt he should have done more in aiding Jiang in the Chinese Civil War.

2. AMERICANS FIGHT IN KOREA:

Define: 38th Parallel: dividing line between North and South Korea.

What happened on June 25th, 1950?
North Korean troops attack South Korea, nearly took full control of it.

How did Truman react to this aggression?
Announced U.S. aid/support for South Korea. The United Nations followed the U.S. into the war. Truman did not want to make the same mistake that was made with Hitler.

3. MACARTHUR DRIVES BACK THE NORTH KOREANS:

What did MacArthur suspect about the North Korean Army?
Their supplies were limited and they had gotten too far South.
What did he decide to do? What were the results?

He decided to attack the city of Inchon further North and attack North Korea from the rear. It resulted in the U.S. and U.N. successfully saving South Korea.

4. CHINA FORCES A STALEMATE:

How come China joined North Korea around thanksgiving of 1950?

Because the U.S. and U.N. troops began to fight too close to the Chinese border in an effort to achieve total victory over the Korean peninsula.

Define: Limited War: war fought to achieve only specific goals.

What happened between MacArthur and Truman?

MacArthur criticized Truman's limited war policy with a letter to Congress, thus leading to Truman firing General Douglas MacArthur.

5. THE KOREAN WAR HAS LASTING EFFECTS:

Who won the election of 1952?

Dwight Eisenhower.

What 2 things convinced the Communists to settle the conflict (The Korean War)?

Eisenhower threatened a nuclear attack, and Josef Stalin died which weakened Communist authority.

Define: SEATO: South East Asian Treaty Organization; A defensive alliance aimed to prevent the spread of communism in the region.