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Chapter 16: Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Republic of Korea – Section 2: A Brief History of the Koreas

Guided Notes

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The Korean _____ is thousands of years old.
2. The Koreans, however, have maintained their own spoken and written _____ and culture.
3. Around the year 668, Korean rulers _____ most of the peninsula into a single kingdom.
4. The _____ dynasty ruled Korea until the Japanese invasion in 1910.
5. _____ knew little of Korea until the mid-1600s.
6. At the end of the Russo-Japanese War in 1905, _____ occupied Korea.
7. Korea would not become _____ again until Japan surrendered to the United States in 1945, ending World War II.
8. The terms of _____ for Japan called for Japanese forces north of latitude 38° North to surrender to _____ troops. South of this line, the Japanese were to surrender to _____ troops.
9. While it seemed the United States and Soviet Union were in agreement about how things would be handled at the end of the war, each country had very different _____.
10. The Soviet Union also wanted to make sure these new countries would be their _____, so they wanted to make sure the new countries would be _____.

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11. Korea was one of the countries where the superpowers competed for control during the _____.
12. On June 25, 1950, North Korean forces _____ South Korea.
13. The two countries are separated by a _____ (DMZ), an area where it is forbidden to have any kind of military presence.
14. The first leader of North Korea, President Kim Il-sung, began a policy of “self-reliance” to limit the amount of outside _____ on the country.
15. The goal of North Korea was to one day _____ North and South Korea.
16. Today, North Korea is a cause of _____ for the international community.
17. South Korea, formally called the Republic of Korea, was created at the end of World War II with a _____-based government.
18. Unfortunately, the first _____ in South Korea did not last long.
19. In 1987, former army general Roh Tae-woo won South Korea's first free presidential _____ under a revised democratic constitution.
20. In 1993, Kim Young-sam became the first _____ (nonmilitary) president of South Korea, which began a new democratic era for South Korea.
21. _____ by North Korea have stopped most inter-Korea relations for much of the last decade.