



## MAP LESSON

When World War II ended, Korea was a divided country. The 38th parallel was the boundary line separating the north and south. In 1950 North Korean soldiers invaded South Korea. Fifteen members of the United Nations, including the United States, sent military forces to stop the invasion. Later that year, China joined the war on the side of North Korea. The outcome of the fighting was inconclusive. Finally, North and South Korea signed a cease-fire agreement in July, 1953. Study the map. Then answer the questions that follow.

1. What nations north of the 38th parallel share a border with North Korea?  
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2. What body of water forms Korea's west coast?  
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3. Which city lies on the boundary line set by the armistice?  
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4. What body of water did the Chinese cross when they joined the attack?  
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5. Did the North Koreans gain or lose territory as a result of the cease-fire agreement? Explain your answer.  
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6. Why might the Japanese have been concerned about a North Korean victory?  
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