

A black and white photograph of a nuclear explosion's mushroom cloud. The cloud is massive and billowing, with a thick, dark column of smoke and debris rising from the ground. The top of the cloud is a large, rounded, and textured mass. The background is a clear, light sky.

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Letter from Secretary General

Esteemed Delegates,

As Gölbaşı Anatolian High School, we are very honored to see you among us and host you at GLMUN, our INTECH(Innovation and Technology) themed MUN conference. In our conference, which was organized by our highly experienced MUN team, our aim is to present ideas to determine innovative technology usage areas, benefits and harms, expectations from the future, and to present creative joint decisions from our committees on the work that can be done in this field and the measures that can be taken. GLMUN's mission is simple; we strive to provide young leaders a stimulating platform to debate, discuss, and resolve critical global issues by promoting equity, creativity, and diplomacy.

Your participation in this conference will be an excellent opportunity for you to develop your skills in public speaking, negotiation, and diplomacy. Not only will you get to engage with other students from different backgrounds and cultures, but you will also have the chance to think about solutions for global issues.

As GLMUN team , we all look forward to welcoming you .

Best Regards,

Seza Gamze Atak

Dear Esteemed Delegates,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the Chairperson of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), it is my honor to welcome you to this crucial session where we will deliberate on matters of global importance and work towards fostering international peace and security.

The issues on our agenda are pressing and demand our collective attention, cooperation, and commitment to finding viable solutions. Your expertise, insights, and dedication to diplomacy are invaluable assets that will contribute significantly to our discussions.

I encourage you to engage actively, express your viewpoints openly, and collaborate with your fellow delegates to constructively address the challenges before us. Let us strive to engage in productive dialogue, respect differing perspectives, and seek common ground to advance our shared goals.

As we navigate the complexities of the issues at hand, let us remain guided by the principles of the United Nations Charter and our collective responsibility to uphold peace, promote justice, and protect the rights and dignity of all people.

I am confident that, through our concerted efforts and mutual respect for one another, we can make meaningful progress in addressing the pressing issues before us and contribute to a safer, more peaceful world.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Secretariat should you have any questions, concerns, or require assistance throughout the session. Together, we can make a difference and fulfill the mandate entrusted to us by the international community.

Thank you for your commitment to the ideals and objectives of the United Nations. I look forward to our productive deliberations and successful outcomes.

Warm regards,

Erva Ergül, Fatma Nur Yıldız

Introduction to the Committee (UNSC)

1.1 What is United nations security Council Committee

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is responsible for maintaining international peace and security. It does so by addressing threats to peace, resolving conflicts, and enforcing compliance with its decisions through Measures such as sanctions and peacekeeping operations . The UNSC also discusses and deliberates on various global issues, including disarmaments, terrorism and human rights.



UN Security Council

1.2. History of the security Council Committee

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) stands as one of the most crucial organs within the United Nations system, tasked primarily with maintaining international peace and security. Its history is intertwined with the very foundation of the UN itself.

Emerging from the ashes of World War II, the United Nations was established on October 24, 1945, with the adoption of its founding charter. The Security Council, as outlined in Chapter V of the UN Charter, was designed to be the principal organ responsible for maintaining global peace and security. Its creation was a direct response to the failures of the League of Nations, the UN's predecessor, in preventing conflicts that led to the devastation of World War II.

The Security Council consists of fifteen member states, five of which—China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States—are permanent members, possessing veto power. The remaining ten members are elected on a rotating basis, serving two-year terms. This composition aims to ensure representation from different regions of the world while also acknowledging the historical roles of certain nations in global security.

Since its inception, the Security Council has played a pivotal role in addressing conflicts, mediating disputes, and authorizing peacekeeping missions. It has the authority to impose sanctions, establish peacekeeping operations, and, if necessary, authorize military action to maintain or restore international peace and security.

Throughout its history, the Security Council has faced criticism and controversy, particularly regarding its decision-making processes and the exercise of veto power by its permanent members. Critics argue that this power dynamic can sometimes impede effective action on pressing global issues.

Despite these challenges, the Security Council remains a central forum for international diplomacy and conflict resolution. Its decisions and resolutions carry significant weight in shaping the course of world events, making it a cornerstone of the United Nations system and a key player in the pursuit of global peace and security.

1.3 The powers of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) include:

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) holds significant powers and responsibilities under the UN Charter to maintain international peace and security. It is primarily responsible for ensuring global peace through various measures such as peacekeeping, conflict mediation, and sanctions imposition. The UNSC can establish peacekeeping missions in conflict zones to monitor ceasefires,

facilitate negotiations, and promote stability. In situations where peaceful means are insufficient, the UNSC may authorize military force to address threats to peace under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. Additionally, it has the authority to impose sanctions, including trade restrictions and asset freezes, on entities posing a threat to international peace and security. The UNSC also serves as a platform for diplomatic dialogue and negotiation to resolve conflicts peacefully, often appointing mediators to facilitate dialogue. Its decisions, expressed through resolutions, are binding on all UN member states. However, the five permanent members (China, France, Russia, the UK, and the US) possess veto power, enabling them to block resolutions, regardless of support from other members. This committee may also receive assistance from other committees. For example, the unwoman can give orders to the committee to initiate projects, and thus the committee has to carry out studies on the subject.

Introduction to the topic:

Agenda item 1:

1. General environment of World War 2

World War II, spanning from 1939 to 1945, was one of the deadliest and most significant conflicts in human history. It involved the majority of the world's nations, which were divided into two opposing military alliances: the Allies and the Axis powers. The war had profound social, economic, and political impacts globally.

The origins of World War II can be traced back to various factors, including unresolved issues from World War I, economic instability, territorial disputes, aggressive expansionist policies of totalitarian regimes, and the failure of diplomacy to prevent conflict.

The principal Allied powers included the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, China, and France, among others. The Axis powers consisted primarily of Nazi Germany, Italy, and Japan.

The war was fought across multiple theaters, including Europe, the Pacific, North Africa, and Asia. Key battles and campaigns included the Battle of Stalingrad, the Normandy Invasion (D-Day), the Battle of Midway, and the Pacific Island-hopping campaign.

The Holocaust, the systematic extermination of six million Jews by Nazi Germany, and other atrocities such as the Rape of Nanking and the massacre of civilians in occupied territories, highlighted the brutality of the war and the depths of human depravity.

World War II witnessed significant technological advancements in warfare, including the development of nuclear weapons, radar, jet aircraft, and code-breaking techniques, which shaped the course of the conflict and had lasting effects on subsequent military and civilian technologies.

Civilians endured widespread suffering during the war, facing bombing raids, forced labor, displacement, rationing, and the loss of loved ones. Women took on expanded roles in the workforce and the military, contributing significantly to the war effort.

World War II resulted in unprecedented destruction and loss of life, with estimates of over 70 million fatalities, including civilians and military personnel. The war redrew the geopolitical map, leading to the emergence of the United States and the Soviet Union as superpowers, the division of Europe, the establishment of the United Nations, and the beginning of the Cold War.

In summary, World War II was a global cataclysm that reshaped the course of history, leaving an indelible mark on societies, economies, and international relations for generations to come.



Aerial view of the city of London damaged during bombardment

b. Hitler's policies

Adolf Hitler's policy during World War II was marked by a combination of aggressive expansionism, totalitarian control, and the implementation of Nazi ideology, which aimed to reshape Europe according to his vision of a racially pure and dominant German empire. Hitler's political strategy was deeply rooted in the ideology of National Socialism, or Nazism, which glorified the Germanic race and vilified perceived enemies, particularly Jews, as scapegoats for Germany's perceived problems.

Central to Hitler's agenda was the concept of Lebensraum, or "living space," which he believed was essential for the expansion and prosperity of the German nation. This expansionist policy drove Hitler's territorial ambitions, leading to the annexation of Austria (Anschluss) in 1938 and the subsequent invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia. These actions violated the Treaty of Versailles and served as precursors to further aggression.

In September 1939, Hitler's forces invaded Poland, triggering the outbreak of World War II. The blitzkrieg tactics employed by the German military quickly overwhelmed Polish defenses, leading to the rapid conquest of the country. This invasion prompted Britain and France to declare war on Germany, igniting a global conflict that would last for six years.

As the war progressed, Hitler's policies became increasingly brutal and genocidal. The Holocaust, the systematic extermination of six million Jews and millions of others deemed undesirable by the Nazi regime, was a central aspect of Hitler's policy. The implementation of the "Final Solution" involved the establishment of concentration camps and death camps, where millions were murdered in gas chambers or through forced labor and starvation.

Internally, Hitler maintained strict control over German society through propaganda, censorship, and the suppression of dissent. Opposition parties were banned, and political opponents, including communists, socialists, and members of the resistance, were persecuted and often executed.

Despite initial military successes, Hitler's policies ultimately led to Germany's defeat. The invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941, motivated by Hitler's desire for Lebensraum in the East and his ideological hatred of communism, proved to be a costly strategic blunder. The Soviet Union's resilience, coupled with the entry of the United States into the war following the attack on Pearl Harbor, shifted the balance of power against Germany.

In the final years of the war, as Allied forces closed in on Germany from both the east and west, Hitler's policies became increasingly desperate. The German military suffered devastating losses on all fronts, and Germany's cities were subjected to relentless bombing campaigns. In April 1945, as Soviet forces advanced on Berlin, Hitler committed suicide in his bunker beneath the city.

In conclusion, Adolf Hitler's policy during World War II was characterized by a ruthless pursuit of territorial expansion, racial purity, and totalitarian control. His aggressive actions and genocidal policies resulted in unimaginable suffering and destruction, leaving a dark legacy that continues to reverberate to this day.



Soviet soldiers lowering Nazi flags – June 24, 1945 / Moscow

a. World War 2

World War II, one of the most significant and devastating conflicts in human history, was precipitated by a complex interplay of political, economic, and social factors. Here's a comprehensive overview of the general causes of World War II:

The harsh terms imposed on Germany by the Treaty of Versailles at the end of World War I sowed the seeds of resentment and economic hardship. The treaty's territorial and financial provisions, including significant reparations payments and the loss of territory, humiliated Germany and fueled nationalist sentiments.

The emergence of aggressive and expansionist totalitarian regimes in Europe and Asia, notably Nazi Germany under Adolf Hitler, fascist Italy under Benito Mussolini, and militarist Japan under Emperor Hirohito, challenged the existing international order. These regimes sought to overturn the status quo, assert nationalistic agendas, and expand their territories through conquest.

The policy of appeasement pursued by Western democracies, particularly Britain and France, in response to the aggressive actions of totalitarian powers, proved ineffective in deterring further aggression. The failure to confront Hitler's territorial ambitions in the Rhineland, Austria, and Czechoslovakia only emboldened him to pursue further expansion.

The aggressive expansionist policies of Nazi Germany, aimed at establishing a Greater German Reich and acquiring Lebensraum (living space) in Eastern Europe, posed a direct threat to neighboring countries and destabilized the fragile peace in Europe. Similarly, Japan's imperial ambitions in Asia, driven by a desire for resource-rich territories and regional dominance, led to conflicts with China and other Asian nations.

The Great Depression of the 1930s exacerbated economic hardships and social unrest in many countries, providing fertile ground for the rise of extremist ideologies and militaristic regimes. Economic competition and protectionism further strained international relations and contributed to the breakdown of global trade and cooperation.

The League of Nations, established after World War I to promote collective security and prevent future conflicts, proved ineffective in addressing the aggressive actions of revisionist powers. The League's inability to enforce its mandates and resolve disputes peacefully undermined its credibility and left a power vacuum in international relations.

Diplomatic efforts to resolve disputes and prevent the outbreak of war, such as the Munich Agreement of 1938, ultimately proved futile in the face of totalitarian aggression. The lack of trust, communication breakdowns, and conflicting interests among major powers hindered diplomatic efforts to maintain peace and stability.

In conclusion, the general causes of World War II were rooted in a combination of unresolved grievances from World War I, the rise of aggressive totalitarian regimes, territorial ambitions, economic instability, and the failure of international institutions and diplomacy to prevent conflict. These factors converged to create a volatile and combustible global environment, leading to the outbreak of the deadliest war in human history.

b. Shifting Balance

Japan's conquest of Southeast Asia had profound and multifaceted implications for the balance of World War II. Geopolitically, it dramatically shifted the power dynamics in the Pacific theater and beyond. By swiftly seizing control of key territories such as Malaya, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia), and the Philippines in the early stages of the war, Japan effectively extended its sphere of influence across Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

Strategically, Japan's expansion into Southeast Asia posed a significant challenge to Allied interests and military capabilities. The conquest of British and Dutch colonies not only provided Japan with access to abundant natural resources, including oil, rubber, and minerals, but also disrupted Allied supply lines and weakened their ability to mount effective resistance. The fall of Singapore, a major British stronghold and symbol of imperial power in the region, to Japanese forces in February 1942, sent shockwaves throughout the world and underscored Japan's military prowess.

Economically, Japan's control over Southeast Asia's resources bolstered its war economy and fueled its military machine. The acquisition of vital raw materials enabled Japan to

sustain its war effort and maintain its industrial production at a time when access to resources was crucial for waging global conflict. However, Japan's rapid expansion also strained its logistical capabilities and exposed vulnerabilities in its supply lines, which would later contribute to its eventual defeat.

The geopolitical ramifications of Japan's conquests extended beyond the Pacific theater, influencing the strategic calculations of other major powers. The United States, in particular, was compelled to reorient its military strategy and prioritize the defense of its interests in the Pacific following Japan's aggressive actions. The attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States' Pacific fleet headquarters, on December 7, 1941, propelled the U.S. into World War II and shifted the focus of Allied efforts towards countering Japanese expansionism in the Pacific.

Socially and culturally, Japan's occupation of Southeast Asia subjected the region's inhabitants to harsh living conditions, forced labor, and widespread atrocities. The brutality of Japanese rule, exemplified by the infamous Burma Railway construction project and the massacre of civilians in places like Nanking (now Nanjing), China, left a lasting legacy of suffering and resentment in the region.

In summary, Japan's conquest of Southeast Asia during World War II had far-reaching implications for the global balance of power, military strategy, economic dynamics, and social fabric of the affected territories. The events that unfolded in the region during this tumultuous period would shape the course of the war and leave a lasting imprint on the history of the Asia-Pacific region.



Two Allied soldiers escaping from Japanese captivity – September 11, 1945

c. End of the Game

World War II came to a close through a series of significant military victories by the Allied powers, resulting in the defeat of the Axis forces and the subsequent collapse of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. Here's a detailed account of how World War II concluded:

Allied Offensives: In the later stages of the war, particularly in 1944 and 1945, Allied forces initiated several offensives on multiple fronts. In Europe, the D-Day landings in Normandy on June 6, 1944, marked the start of the liberation of Western Europe from German control. The Battle of Normandy and the subsequent Allied advances through France culminated in the liberation of Paris in August 1944. Simultaneously, the Soviet Union launched a massive offensive against Germany from the East, pushing the German forces back towards the German heartland.

Defeat of Nazi Germany: By early 1945, Allied forces had encircled Germany from both the East and West, placing immense pressure on the weakening Nazi regime. The Battle of Berlin, one of the final major battles of the war, resulted in the capture of the German capital by Soviet forces in April 1945. Adolf Hitler's suicide in his bunker on April 30, 1945, came as Allied forces closed in on the city. With the unconditional surrender of German forces on May 8, 1945 (V-E Day), the war in Europe came to an end.

Pacific Theater: In the Pacific theater, Allied forces continued their advance against Imperial Japan. The island-hopping campaign, led primarily by American forces, gradually recaptured strategic islands from Japanese control, bringing the Allies closer to the Japanese home islands. However, Japan remained steadfast in its resistance, and the battle for Japan would prove to be one of the most intense and costly of the entire war.

Atomic Bombings: The climax of the Pacific War occurred with the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States on August 6 and 9, 1945, respectively. The immense devastation caused by these nuclear weapons compelled Japan to surrender, fearing further destruction and loss of life. Emperor Hirohito announced Japan's unconditional surrender on August 15, 1945, effectively ending World War II in the Pacific (V-J Day).

Aftermath and Occupation: Following the war's conclusion, nations embarked on a process of reconstruction and recovery. Germany was divided into East and West, with the Soviet Union and Western Allies occupying respective zones. Japan underwent demilitarization and democratization under American occupation. The establishment of the United Nations in 1945 aimed to foster international cooperation and prevent future conflicts.

World War II ended with the defeat of the Axis powers, the liberation of Europe, and the surrender of Japan, marking the beginning of a new era of global politics and international relations. The war's legacy continues to shape the world today, reminding us of the importance of peace, diplomacy, and cooperation in preventing future conflicts and promoting stability and prosperity.



2. Cold War

The Cold War, spanning from the mid-20th century to the early 1990s, was a complex and multifaceted conflict characterized by profound geopolitical tensions and ideological rivalries between the United States and its Western allies, constituting the Western Bloc, and the Soviet Union and its Eastern allies, forming the Eastern Bloc.

Origins: The Cold War emerged in the aftermath of World War II, as the wartime alliance between the United States, the Soviet Union, and other Allied powers dissolved. The clash between the capitalist ideologies of the West and the communist ideologies of the East, coupled with conflicting geopolitical ambitions and mutual mistrust, served as the foundational elements of this enduring conflict.

Division of Europe: Europe became the primary battleground of the Cold War, starkly divided into Western and Eastern blocs along ideological lines. While the United States spearheaded efforts to aid Western European recovery through initiatives like the Marshall Plan, the Soviet Union solidified its influence in Eastern Europe by establishing satellite states, effectively creating a buffer zone of communist influence along its borders.

Arms Race: Central to the Cold War was the nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union. Both superpowers amassed vast arsenals of nuclear weapons, leading to the development of the doctrine of mutually assured destruction (MAD). The race for nuclear superiority spurred rapid advancements in nuclear technology, including the development of increasingly powerful and sophisticated nuclear warheads, delivery systems such as intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), and strategic defense systems like missile defense shields.

The nuclear arms race fueled intense competition and heightened tensions between the two superpowers, as each sought to maintain strategic parity and deter potential aggression from the other side. The concept of MAD, based on the understanding that any nuclear attack would result in catastrophic retaliation, served as a precarious deterrent against the use of nuclear weapons. However, it also contributed to a constant state of fear and uncertainty, with the specter of nuclear annihilation looming over the world throughout the Cold War era.

Proxy Wars: Rather than engaging in direct military conflict, the United States and the Soviet Union fought proxy wars in various regions worldwide. Examples include the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and numerous conflicts in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East, where each side provided support to opposing factions or governments. These proxy wars served as battlegrounds for ideological and strategic influence, further exacerbating global tensions and extending the reach of the Cold War rivalry.

Space Race: The Cold War also manifested itself in the competition for space exploration and technological supremacy. The Soviet Union's launch of Sputnik in 1957 marked the beginning of the space race, spurring significant advancements in space technology by both

superpowers as they sought to demonstrate their technological prowess and ideological superiority. The race to conquer space led to landmark achievements such as the first manned spaceflight by Yuri Gagarin in 1961 and the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969, underscoring the technological capabilities and scientific achievements of both nations.

Cuban Missile Crisis: The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 represented the closest point to a full-scale nuclear conflict during the Cold War. The discovery of Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba prompted a tense standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union, with the world teetering on the brink of nuclear war before diplomatic negotiations ultimately defused the situation. The Cuban Missile Crisis underscored the grave dangers of nuclear brinkmanship and the imperative of effective communication and crisis management between nuclear-armed adversaries.

Thawing of Relations: The late 1960s and 1970s witnessed a period of *détente*, characterized by a relaxation of tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union. Strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) and other agreements aimed to reduce the risk of nuclear confrontation and promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest. However, the arms race persisted, albeit at a slower pace, as both superpowers continued to modernize their nuclear arsenals and develop new technologies.

Collapse of the Soviet Union: The Cold War reached its conclusion with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Economic stagnation, internal dissent, and the inability to compete with the West led to the dissolution of the Soviet bloc, marking the definitive end of the Cold War era and reshaping the global political landscape.

In summary, the Cold War was a prolonged and multifaceted conflict, profoundly shaping global politics and international relations for much of the 20th century. The nuclear arms race, in particular, was a defining feature of the Cold War era, characterized by intense competition, rapid technological advancements, and the constant specter of nuclear annihilation. Its legacy continues to influence contemporary geopolitics, serving as a poignant reminder of the enduring consequences of ideological rivalry and geopolitical tensions on the world stage.



1. North Korea's Separation From South Korea

The division of the Korean Peninsula into North and South Korea is one of the most significant historical events of the 20th century, having profound implications on global political history. The separation emerged in the aftermath of World War II and the onset of the Cold War.

Towards the end of World War II in 1945, Allied forces divided the Korean Peninsula into two occupation zones after Japan's surrender. The Soviet Union occupied the northern part, while the United States took control of the southern part. This division laid the groundwork for the establishment of two distinct political entities with contrasting ideologies, political systems, and economic structures.

In 1948, separate governments were established in the two zones: a democratic government in South Korea and a communist regime in North Korea. These differing ideologies and governance models solidified the division of the Korean Peninsula into two separate states. The ideological differences between North and South Korea led to the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 when North Korean forces invaded South Korea. The war lasted until 1953 when an armistice agreement was signed, but no formal peace treaty was ever concluded, leaving the Korean Peninsula in a state of unresolved conflict.

During the Cold War era, North and South Korea aligned themselves with different global powers. North Korea developed close ties with the Soviet Union and China, while South Korea formed an alliance with Western countries, particularly the United States. This geopolitical alignment further deepened the divide between the two Koreas, making the normalization of relations a complex and challenging endeavor.

In recent years, there have been various efforts to promote peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula. Inter-Korean summits and diplomatic dialogues have taken place, raising hopes for improved relations and reduced tensions. However, achieving lasting peace and reunification remains a formidable challenge due to the longstanding ideological, political, and military divisions between North and South Korea.

The division of Korea serves as a reminder of the enduring legacy of the Cold War and the complexities of resolving longstanding conflicts rooted in ideological differences and historical grievances. It underscores the importance of diplomatic efforts, dialogue, and cooperation in addressing the challenges of reunification and building a peaceful and prosperous future for the Korean people.

a. Factors causes separation

The separation of North Korea and South Korea, which has endured since the aftermath of World War II, stems from a complex interplay of historical, geopolitical, and ideological factors. One of the most significant contributors to this division is the Korean War, which erupted in 1950 when North Korean forces invaded South Korea. Despite the armistice signed in 1953, officially ending hostilities, the Korean Peninsula remains technically in a state of war, with tensions persisting between the two sides.

The ideological divide between communism and democracy during the Cold War era further entrenched the separation, with the Soviet Union supporting the establishment of a communist regime in the North and the United States backing a democratic government in the South. This ideological confrontation exacerbated tensions and hindered efforts towards reconciliation.

Moreover, the presence of nuclear weapons in North Korea has added a new layer of complexity to the situation. North Korea's pursuit of nuclear capabilities and its provocative actions, including missile tests and nuclear detonations, have heightened regional and international security concerns. The development of nuclear weapons by North Korea has led to increased diplomatic tensions and raised fears of potential military conflict.

Additionally, issues such as human rights abuses, political repression, and economic hardship in North Korea have strained relations between the two Koreas and the international community. The reclusive nature of the North Korean regime and its lack of transparency have made it difficult to address these challenges effectively.

Efforts to ease tensions and promote dialogue between North and South Korea have been met with mixed success. Periods of détente and diplomatic engagement have been followed by setbacks and renewed hostilities, underscoring the complexity of the situation and the deep-rooted mistrust between the two sides.

In summary, the division between North Korea and South Korea is a multifaceted issue shaped by historical, ideological, and geopolitical factors. Tensions stemming from the Korean War, ideological differences, nuclear proliferation concerns, human rights abuses,

and diplomatic challenges continue to pose significant obstacles to reconciliation and peace on the Korean Peninsula.

b. Separation process

The division of Korea and the subsequent Korean War involved various countries supporting different sides of the conflict, and the war itself was a culmination of tensions that had been building since the end of World War II.

Following the defeat of Japan in World War II, Korea was liberated from Japanese colonial rule but found itself divided along the 38th parallel into two occupation zones, with the Soviet Union controlling the north and the United States controlling the south. This division was intended to be temporary, but it eventually solidified into separate political entities with differing ideologies.

In 1950, the Korean War erupted when North Korean forces, backed by the Soviet Union and later China, invaded South Korea. The United States, along with other members of the United Nations, swiftly came to the aid of South Korea, leading to a three-year conflict that resulted in significant loss of life and destruction.

During the war, the Soviet Union provided political, economic, and military support to North Korea, including weapons, training, and logistical assistance. China also played a crucial role by sending troops and supplies to support North Korea. Chinese forces intervened in the conflict in 1950 to aid North Korea against the advancing United Nations forces, leading to a protracted and bloody conflict.

On the other side, the United States was the primary supporter of South Korea, providing military assistance, training, and economic aid. American troops were deployed to South Korea to defend against the North Korean aggression and prevent the spread of communism in the region. Additionally, other countries, including members of the United Nations, contributed troops and support to South Korea under the UN Command during the Korean War. These included countries such as the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Turkey, and others.

The involvement of external powers significantly influenced the course and outcome of the conflict, which eventually ended in 1953 with an armistice agreement rather than a peace treaty. Despite the ceasefire, the Korean Peninsula remains divided, with tensions persisting between North and South Korea, and the legacy of the Korean War continues to shape geopolitics in the region to this day.

c. Consequences of separation for civilians

The division of Korea and the subsequent Korean War inflicted profound and enduring hardships on civilians across the peninsula.

Firstly, the conflict triggered a humanitarian crisis marked by widespread displacement, loss of life, and extensive destruction of infrastructure. Civilians bore the heaviest

burdens of the war, many becoming internally displaced or seeking refuge in neighboring countries.

Moreover, the separation of families emerged as a tragic consequence of the division. Countless families found themselves torn apart, with loved ones stranded on opposite sides of the border. Reunification prospects remained bleak for decades, exacerbating the pain of separation.

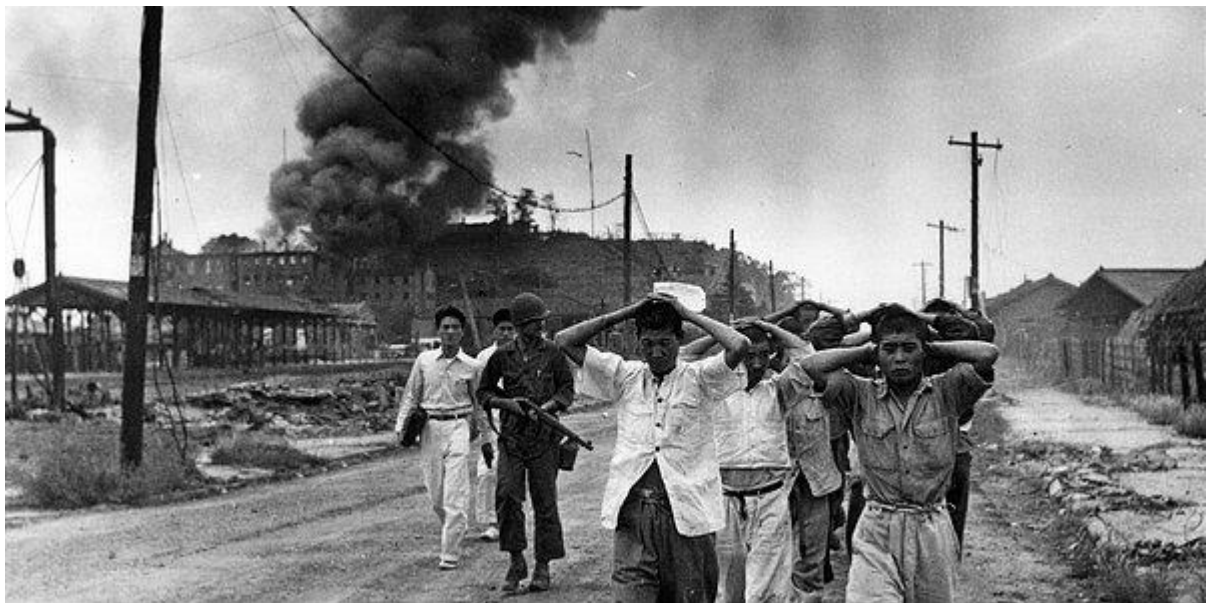
Economically, the Korean War devastated both North and South Korea. Industries, agricultural lands, and infrastructure were ravaged, plunging civilians into poverty and economic despair. Reconstruction efforts faced significant challenges amidst lingering tensions between the two sides.

Psychological trauma inflicted by the war left enduring scars on Korean civilians. Many grappled with PTSD, anxiety, and depression as a result of the conflict's brutality. The persistent threat of conflict and the division of families exacerbated the psychological toll.

The enduring division institutionalized barriers between communities once united. Over time, North and South Korea evolved separate political, social, and economic systems, deepening the chasm between civilians.

Limited communication and interaction persist due to ongoing hostilities and lack of diplomatic relations between the two Koreas. This isolation hampers reconciliation efforts and impedes progress toward reunification.

In sum, the division of Korea and the Korean War imposed widespread suffering, displacement, and adversity on civilians. The repercussions of these events continue to reverberate, underscoring the urgent need for initiatives fostering peace, reconciliation, and eventual reunification.



d. Political consequences of secession

The division of Korea and the subsequent Korean War had profound political ramifications, not only for the Korean Peninsula but also for the broader geopolitical landscape of the Cold War era.

Emergence of Two Koreas: The division of Korea along the 38th parallel led to the establishment of two separate and ideologically opposed states: North Korea, backed by the Soviet Union and later China, and South Korea, supported by the United States and its allies. This division solidified into two distinct political entities with contrasting political systems – communism in the North and democracy in the South.

Escalation of Cold War Tensions: The division of Korea served as a microcosm of the broader Cold War rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Korean War, with its proxy involvement of superpowers, heightened tensions and exacerbated ideological differences between communism and democracy.

Regional Instability: The division of Korea contributed to regional instability, with the Korean Peninsula becoming a hotspot for geopolitical maneuvering and conflict. The ongoing hostilities between North and South Korea, compounded by the presence of nuclear weapons in the North, raised concerns about regional security and stability.

Military Alliances: The Korean War and its aftermath reinforced military alliances in the region. The United States maintained a military presence in South Korea to deter aggression from the North and to uphold its security commitments to its allies in the Asia-Pacific region.

Impact on International Diplomacy: The division of Korea and the Korean War shaped international diplomacy during the Cold War era. The conflict prompted the United Nations to intervene, marking one of the earliest instances of UN collective security action. However, the inability to achieve a peace treaty and the enduring division of Korea highlighted the limitations of international diplomacy in resolving longstanding conflicts.

Legacy of Division: The division of Korea continues to influence regional politics and security dynamics to this day. Efforts to achieve peace, reconciliation, and eventual reunification remain ongoing but are hampered by deep-seated mistrust, ideological differences, and geopolitical considerations.

In summary, the division of Korea and the Korean War had far-reaching political consequences, shaping the trajectory of the Cold War, regional security dynamics, and international diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region. The division of Korea and the subsequent Korean War had profound political ramifications, not only for the Korean Peninsula but also for the broader geopolitical landscape of the Cold War era.

United States: The United States' involvement in the Korean War reinforced its commitment to containing the spread of communism in Asia. The conflict solidified America's role as a global superpower and underscored the importance of its military alliances, particularly with South Korea and other Asian allies.

Soviet Union: The Soviet Union's support for North Korea during the Korean War reflected its strategy of spreading communism and countering American influence in the region. The conflict heightened tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States, exacerbating the broader Cold War rivalry.

China: China's intervention in the Korean War signaled its emergence as a major player on the world stage and demonstrated its commitment to supporting communist allies. The conflict also strained China's relations with the United States and contributed to the deterioration of Sino-American relations during the early Cold War period.

United Nations: The Korean War marked one of the earliest instances of collective security action by the United Nations. The conflict highlighted the UN's role in maintaining international peace and security but also underscored its limitations in resolving complex geopolitical disputes.

Japan: The Korean War had significant implications for Japan's security and foreign policy. Japan, still recovering from World War II, viewed the conflict with apprehension and sought to strengthen its security ties with the United States. The war also fueled anti-communist sentiments in Japan and contributed to the country's alignment with Western powers during the Cold War.

Other Asian Countries: The Korean War had ripple effects throughout Asia, with neighboring countries closely monitoring the conflict's developments. The war heightened regional tensions and prompted countries such as Taiwan and the Philippines to align themselves more closely with the United States in opposition to communist expansionism.

In summary, the division of Korea and the Korean War had far-reaching political consequences, shaping the strategies and alliances of major powers and influencing regional dynamics throughout the Cold War era.

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The emergence of two Koreas represented a stark ideological division, with North Korea aligning with communism and South Korea adopting a democratic system. This division, along the 38th parallel, solidified into two distinct political entities, setting the stage for decades of tension and conflict.

The Korean War served as a microcosm of the broader Cold War rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union. Proxy involvement of superpowers heightened tensions and exacerbated ideological differences, intensifying the global standoff between communism and democracy.

The regional instability caused by the division of Korea turned the peninsula into a hotspot for geopolitical maneuvering and conflict. Ongoing hostilities between North and South Korea, compounded by the threat of nuclear weapons, raised concerns about regional security and stability.

The Korean War reinforced military alliances in the region, with the United States maintaining a significant military presence in South Korea to deter aggression from the North and uphold security commitments to its allies in the Asia-Pacific region.

Internationally, the Korean War prompted the United Nations to intervene, marking one of its earliest instances of collective security action. However, the inability to achieve a peace treaty and the enduring division of Korea underscored the limitations of international diplomacy in resolving longstanding conflicts.

The legacy of division continues to influence regional politics and security dynamics. Efforts toward peace, reconciliation, and eventual reunification face challenges due to deep-seated mistrust, ideological differences, and geopolitical considerations.

The involvement of major powers such as the United States, the Soviet Union, and China shaped the trajectory of the conflict and influenced regional dynamics. Additionally, neighboring countries in Asia closely monitored developments in Korea, with some aligning more closely with the United States in opposition to communist expansionism.

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Treaties

World War II Agreements:

Treaty of Versailles (1919): The treaty that ended World War I, holding Germany responsible for the war and outlining territorial losses.

Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (1939): A secret agreement between Germany and the Soviet Union dividing Poland and outlining territorial spheres of influence.

Atlantic Charter (1941): A joint declaration by the United States and the United Kingdom outlining post-war aims and principles for a peaceful world.

Yalta Conference (1945): Meeting of the leaders of the United States, USSR, and UK to discuss post-war Europe, including the reorganization of Germany.

Potsdam Conference (1945): Follow-up conference to Yalta, focusing on the occupation of Germany and post-war arrangements.

Cold War Agreements:

Warsaw Pact (1955): Military alliance formed by the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc countries.

NATO Treaty (1949): Military alliance formed by Western Bloc countries.

SALT I Treaty (1972): Agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union limiting strategic nuclear weapons.

SALT II Treaty (1979): Further agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union on nuclear arms control.

Helsinki Accords (1975): Agreement signed in Helsinki addressing human rights and security concerns.

This list provides an overview of some significant agreements during these periods, although there are many more agreements that played important roles as well.

Korean separation agreements

Cairo Declaration (1943): The Cairo Declaration was a joint statement issued by the United States, the United Kingdom, and China during World War II. It outlined the Allies' commitment to the independence and territorial integrity of Korea after the defeat of Japan. However, it did not specify the details of Korea's future governance.

Yalta Conference (1945): At the Yalta Conference, the leaders of the Allied powers discussed the post-war reorganization of Asia, including the division of Korea into Soviet and American occupation zones along the 38th parallel. This decision laid the groundwork for the subsequent division of Korea into two separate states.

Moscow Conference (1945): The Moscow Conference was attended by representatives from the Soviet Union, the United States, and the United Kingdom. During the conference, it was agreed to establish a trusteeship over Korea for a period of up to five years, during which time Korea would be prepared for independence. However, no concrete plans were made for the future governance of Korea.

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 112 (1948): This resolution was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, recommending that elections be held in both North and South Korea to establish a unified government. However, due to the breakdown of relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, separate governments were established in the North and the South, leading to the division of Korea.

Korean Armistice Agreement (1953): Signed in 1953, the Korean Armistice Agreement brought an end to the active hostilities of the Korean War. It established the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) along the 38th parallel and created a ceasefire between North and South Korea. However, it did not formally end the war or lead to a permanent peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula technically still in a state of war.

These agreements played pivotal roles in shaping the course of Korea's division and subsequent history, laying the foundation for the separate political entities of North and South Korea and the enduring tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Significant Countries

Countries in the United Nations (UN) commit to abide by the agreements they sign and strive to implement the provisions of the agreements. Typically, agreements are adopted by UN bodies such as the UN General Assembly or the UN Security Council. Signing an agreement signifies a country's endorsement and may require them to amend their national legislation or enact new laws to implement the agreement. Additionally, various UN agencies and mechanisms are utilized to monitor and enforce the provisions of the agreement, as well as to facilitate the necessary national and international cooperation to ensure its implementation. The UN supports member states in promoting effective implementation of agreements, enhancing harmony and cooperation among countries, and maintaining international peace and security.

1. United States

During World War II, the United States played a central role in the Allied victory against the Axis powers. As one of the major Allied powers, the United States contributed significant military,

economic, and diplomatic resources to the war effort. American forces fought on multiple fronts, including in Europe, North Africa, and the Pacific, and played a key role in decisive battles such as D-Day and the Battle of Midway. Additionally, the United States provided crucial material support to its allies through programs like the Lend-Lease Act, which supplied weapons, equipment, and other resources to countries fighting against the Axis powers.

In the context of Korea's division, the United States played a pivotal role in shaping the events that led to the establishment of separate North and South Korean states. Following the end of World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union occupied Korea, dividing the peninsula along the 38th parallel. The division of Korea into Soviet and American occupation zones laid the groundwork for the subsequent establishment of separate governments in the North and the South. The United States supported the establishment of a pro-Western government in South Korea, while the Soviet Union backed the creation of a communist regime in North Korea. This division ultimately led to the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, during which the United States provided extensive military support to South Korea in its fight against North Korean aggression.



The USA conducts a nuclear explosion to examine the effects of nuclear bombs on ships – July 25, 1946 / Marshall Islands

2. Soviet Union

During World War II, the Soviet Union, under the leadership of Joseph Stalin, played a crucial role as one of the major Allied powers. Soviet forces engaged in fierce battles against Nazi Germany on the Eastern Front, contributing significantly to the defeat of the Axis powers.

The Soviet Union's military prowess and sacrifices on the battlefield were instrumental in turning the tide of the war in favor of the Allies.

In the context of the Cold War, the Soviet Union emerged as a primary antagonist to the Western capitalist democracies, particularly the United States. The ideological rivalry between communism and capitalism fueled tensions between the Soviet Union and the Western powers, leading to a prolonged period of geopolitical competition and proxy conflicts.

Regarding the division of Korea, the Soviet Union occupied the northern part of the Korean Peninsula following Japan's surrender in World War II. This occupation zone became the foundation for the establishment of a communist regime in North Korea, supported by the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union's backing of North Korea contributed to the ideological and geopolitical division of Korea, setting the stage for the Korean War and the subsequent separation of North and South Korea along ideological lines.

In summary, the Soviet Union's role in World War II, the Cold War, and the division of Korea was characterized by its commitment to advancing communist interests, challenging Western hegemony, and shaping the geopolitical landscape of the post-war era.

3. United Kingdom

During World War II, Britain, alongside its allies, played a crucial role in combating the Axis powers and securing victory for the Allied forces. As one of the major Allied powers, Britain contributed significant military, economic, and diplomatic resources to the war effort. British forces fought on multiple fronts, including in Europe, North Africa, and the Pacific, and participated in key battles such as the Battle of Britain, El Alamein, and D-Day. Additionally, Britain provided vital logistical support to its allies and played a key role in coordinating military operations.

In the context of the division of Korea, Britain's involvement was more indirect compared to other major powers such as the United States and the Soviet Union. After World War II, Britain played a role in the Allied occupation of Korea, particularly in the southern part of the peninsula. However, Britain's focus was primarily on post-war reconstruction efforts in Europe and its own colonial territories, rather than on shaping the political dynamics of Korea. The division of Korea into North and South Korea along the 38th parallel was largely influenced by the decisions of the United States and the Soviet Union.

Overall, Britain's contributions to World War II and the division of Korea underscore its role as a key player in shaping the geopolitical landscape of the 20th century.

4. China

During World War II, China played a significant role in resisting Japanese aggression, tying down Japanese forces and contributing to their eventual defeat. In the Korean War, China intervened on behalf of North Korea to support its communist ally, prolonging the conflict and resulting in significant casualties. Overall, China's involvement in both conflicts reflected its strategic interests and commitment to supporting communist movements in East Asia.

5. **France**

During World War II, France, led by Charles de Gaulle and the Free French Forces, played a vital role in the Allied effort to liberate Europe from Nazi occupation. In the Korean division, France's involvement was limited compared to other major powers, focusing more on post-war reconstruction in Europe and its colonies.

6. **North Korea**

During the Korean War, North Korea, under the leadership of Kim Il-sung, played a central role in the conflict as the aggressor, invading South Korea in an attempt to unify the peninsula under communist rule. North Korean forces, supported by the Soviet Union and later China, engaged in fierce fighting against South Korean, United Nations, and primarily American forces. The North Korean regime's aggressive actions and its pursuit of communist ideology contributed to the division of Korea and the subsequent decades of tension and conflict on the peninsula.

7. **Germany**

During World War II, Germany, under the leadership of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime, played a central role in the Axis powers' aggressive expansion across Europe. German forces invaded and occupied numerous countries, leading to widespread devastation and loss of life. The Nazi regime's pursuit of territorial conquest and racial supremacy fueled the conflict and contributed to its eventual defeat by Allied forces.

Similarly, during the division of Germany after World War II, the country became a focal point of Cold War tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union. The division of Germany into East and West along ideological lines reflected broader geopolitical rivalries, with East Germany aligning with the Soviet Union and West Germany becoming a key ally of the United States and NATO. This division led to decades of political, economic, and social separation between East and West Germany, culminating in the eventual reunification of Germany in 1990.

8. **Japan**

During World War II, Japan, under the leadership of Emperor Hirohito and the militaristic government, played a significant role in the Axis powers' expansion in the Asia-Pacific region. Japanese forces engaged in aggressive campaigns of conquest, invading and occupying numerous countries in East and Southeast Asia. The Imperial Japanese Army's brutal tactics and policies of colonization led to widespread suffering and loss of life.

Similarly, Japan's role in the post-war division of Korea was influential. Following Japan's surrender in World War II, Korea was liberated from Japanese colonial rule, but the country was subsequently divided into Soviet and American occupation zones. This division laid the groundwork for the establishment of separate governments in North and South Korea, with North Korea later becoming a communist state allied with the Soviet Union and China.

Overall, Japan's actions during World War II and its aftermath played a significant role in shaping the geopolitical landscape of East Asia, including the division of Korea and the subsequent tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Information note: our committee will revitalize the United Nations Security Council starting from its founding. After the separation of North and South Korea, it will write a resolution paper to prevent possible nuclear weapons risks and prevent a new world war. Since our committee is also a ga committee, there may be a crisis situation.

6. Questions to be Examined:

1. Can North Korea and South Korea end tensions
2. Can a third world war be prevented
3. Measures to be taken to prevent the third world war
4. What to do to protect civilians
5. What is the policy to be adopted for nuclear weapons
6. How to prevent the effects of America's unconscious use of nuclear weapons on future generations
7. How to avoid the threat of a new nuclear weapon
8. How can the United Nations Security Council cooperate with other committees to prevent the threat of world war?
9. What will be the committee's penalties for the use of nuclear weapons?

7. Resources that can be used while studying

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Security_Council

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