

The Korean War

Chapter 12 Section 2

Lecture Focus Question

- **How** did President Truman use the power of the presidency to **limit** the spread of communism in East Asia? **Explain.**

Communists & China

- **Nationalist leader Jiang Jieshi vs. Communist leader Mao Zedong**
- **Joined forces for WWII**
- **Resumed Civil War 1945**
- **USSR supported Mao**
- **U.S. supported Jiang**
- **Mao promises food → wins the Civil War!**
- **Birth of People's Republic of China**



Connection # 1



- Food is a very powerful motivator. What food is your biggest weakness?

Invasion of China?

MacArthur Favors Invasion

Primary Source

“I made it clear that if not permitted to destroy the enemy built-up bases north of the Yalu, if not permitted to utilize the friendly Chinese force of some 600,000 men on Formosa (Taiwan), if not permitted to blockade the China coast . . . the position of the command from the military standpoint forbade victory.”

—General Douglas MacArthur,
April 19, 1951



Truman Opposes Invasion

Primary Source

“We do not want to see the conflict in Korea extended. We are trying to prevent a world war—not to start one. . . . Why can't we take other steps to punish the aggressor? Why don't we bomb Manchuria and China itself? Why don't we assist Chinese Nationalist troops to land on mainland China? If we were to do these things we would . . . become entangled in a vast conflict on the continent of Asia. . . .”

—President Truman,
April 11, 1951

You Decide

1. Why did MacArthur want to invade China?
2. Why did Truman oppose invasion?
3. What decision would you have made? Why?

Connection #2



- Describe a time you disagreed with someone in a position of authority over you. What did you disagree over? How did you handle it?

Tensions in Korea

- **Korea divided at 38th parallel after WWII**
- **North controlled by communists & aided by Soviets**
- **South was non-communist & aided by U.S.**
- **1950: N. Korea invaded S. Korea**
- **U.S. thought invasion was orchestrated by USSR**
- **Invasion orchestrated by China**
- **First major “hot” conflict of Cold War**



SIMON SAYS...



The U.S. was shocked to find that it now had to worry about both the U.S.S.R. and China spreading communism.

Americans Fight



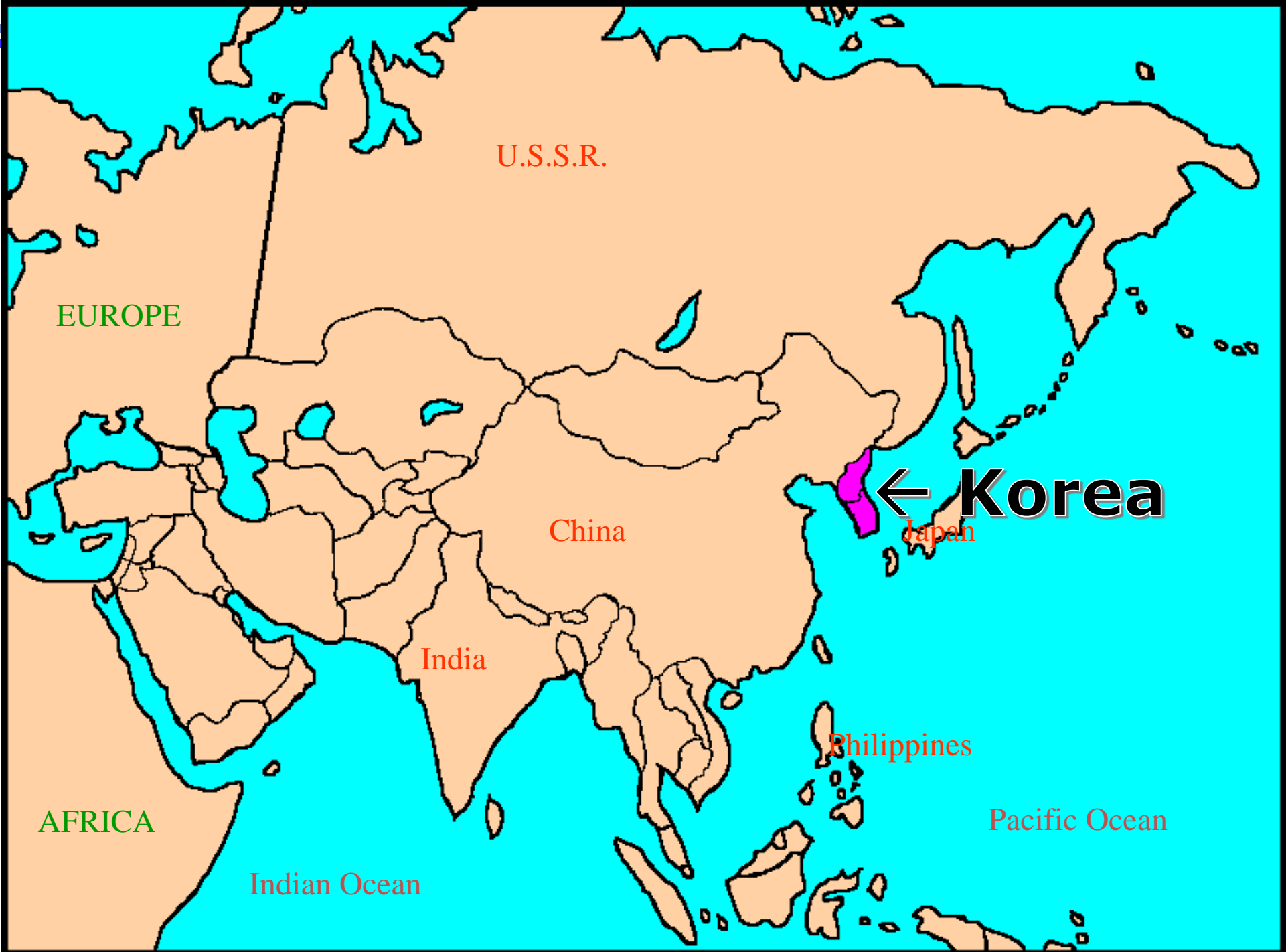
- **Korean War declared a “police action”**
- **General MacArthur led American troops**
- **United Nations sent troops**
- **Launched attack at Inchon**
- **3 years later war ended in stalemate**
- **Korea remained divided at 38th parallel**
- **U.S. military integrated for the first time**



Brain Snack



- Write a **Haiku** that summarizes your notes so far. Use the format below
- Line 1: phrase that contains 5 syllables
- Line 2: phrase that contains 7 syllables
- Line 3: phrase that contains 5 syllables



U.S.S.R.

EUROPE

China

← Korea

Japan

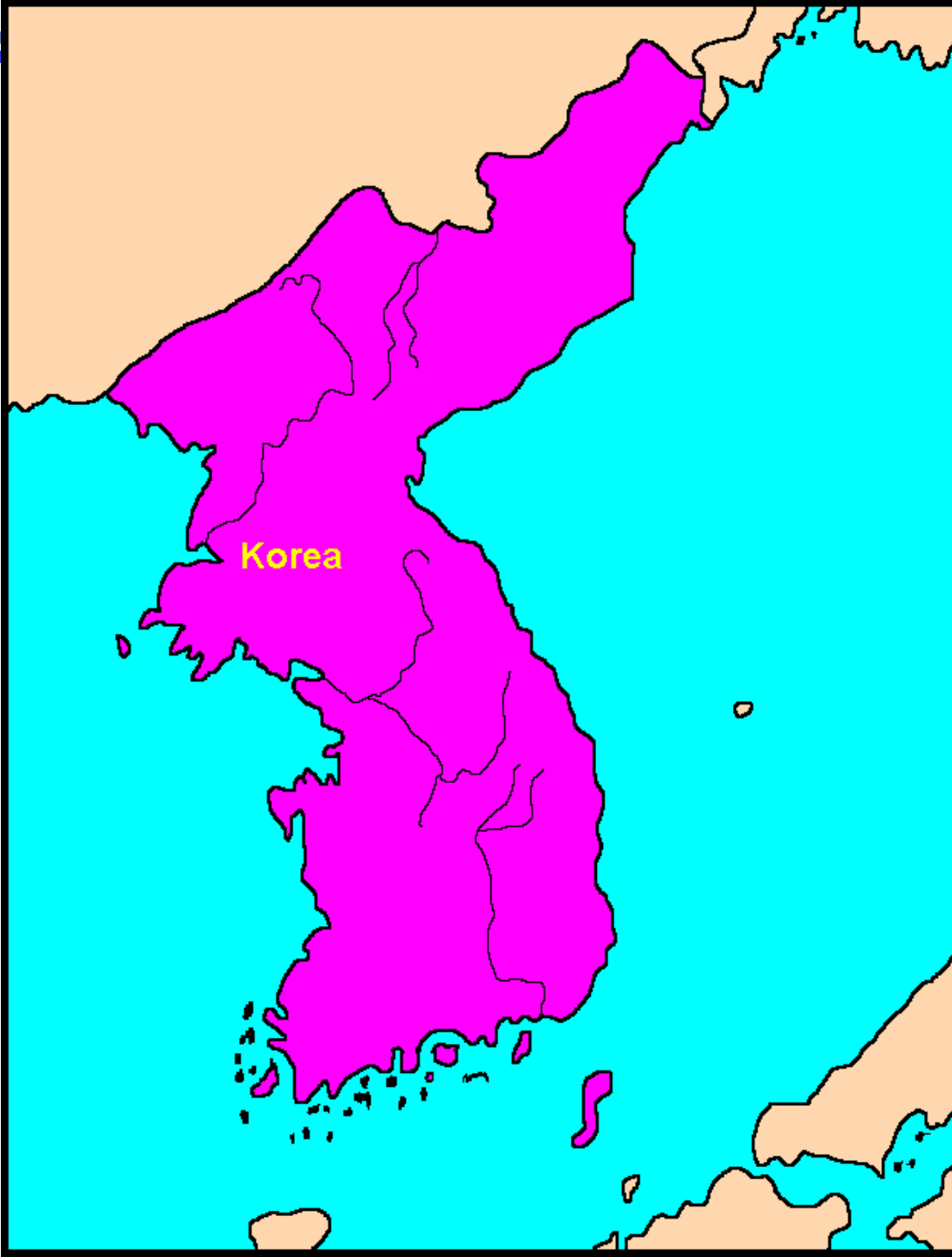
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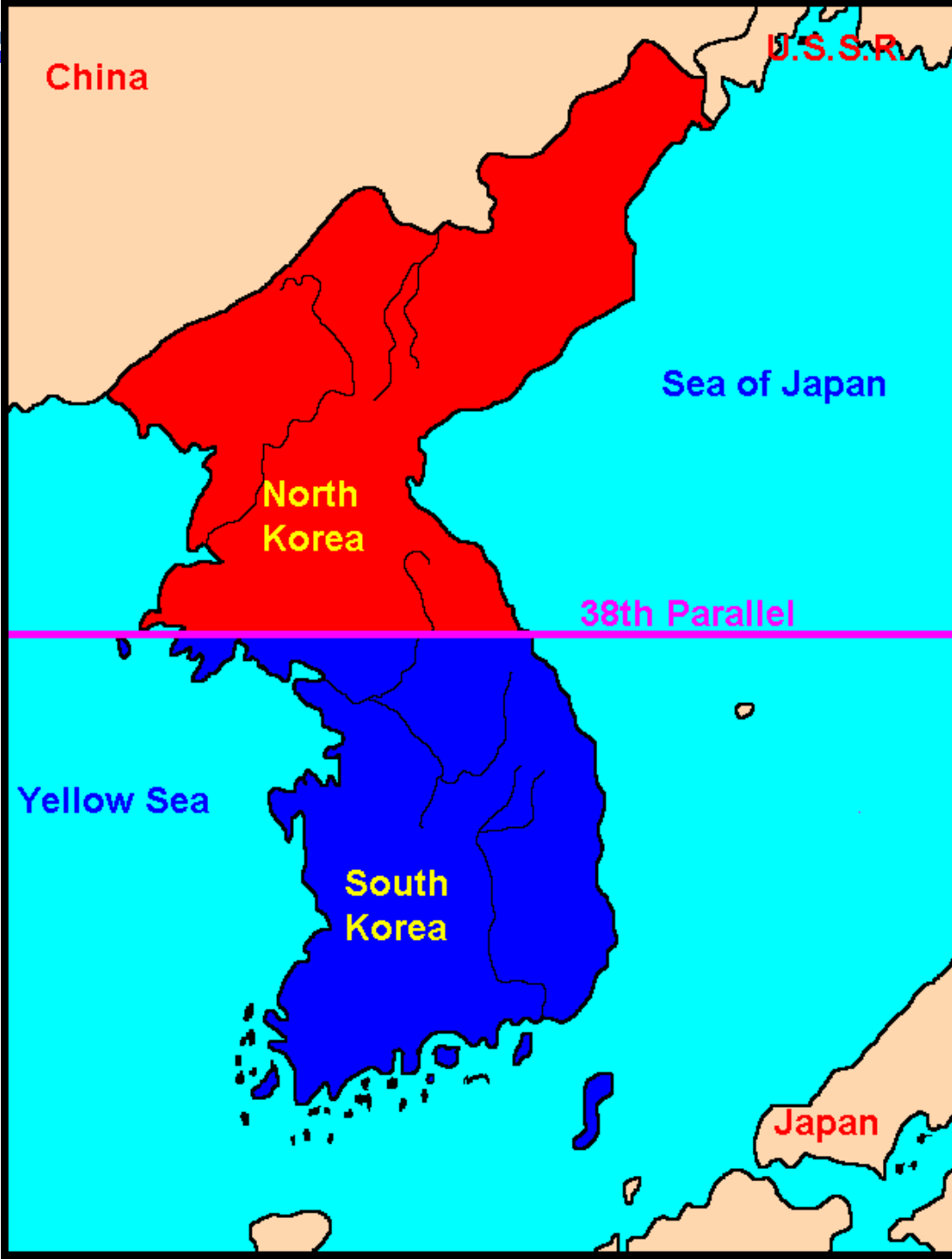
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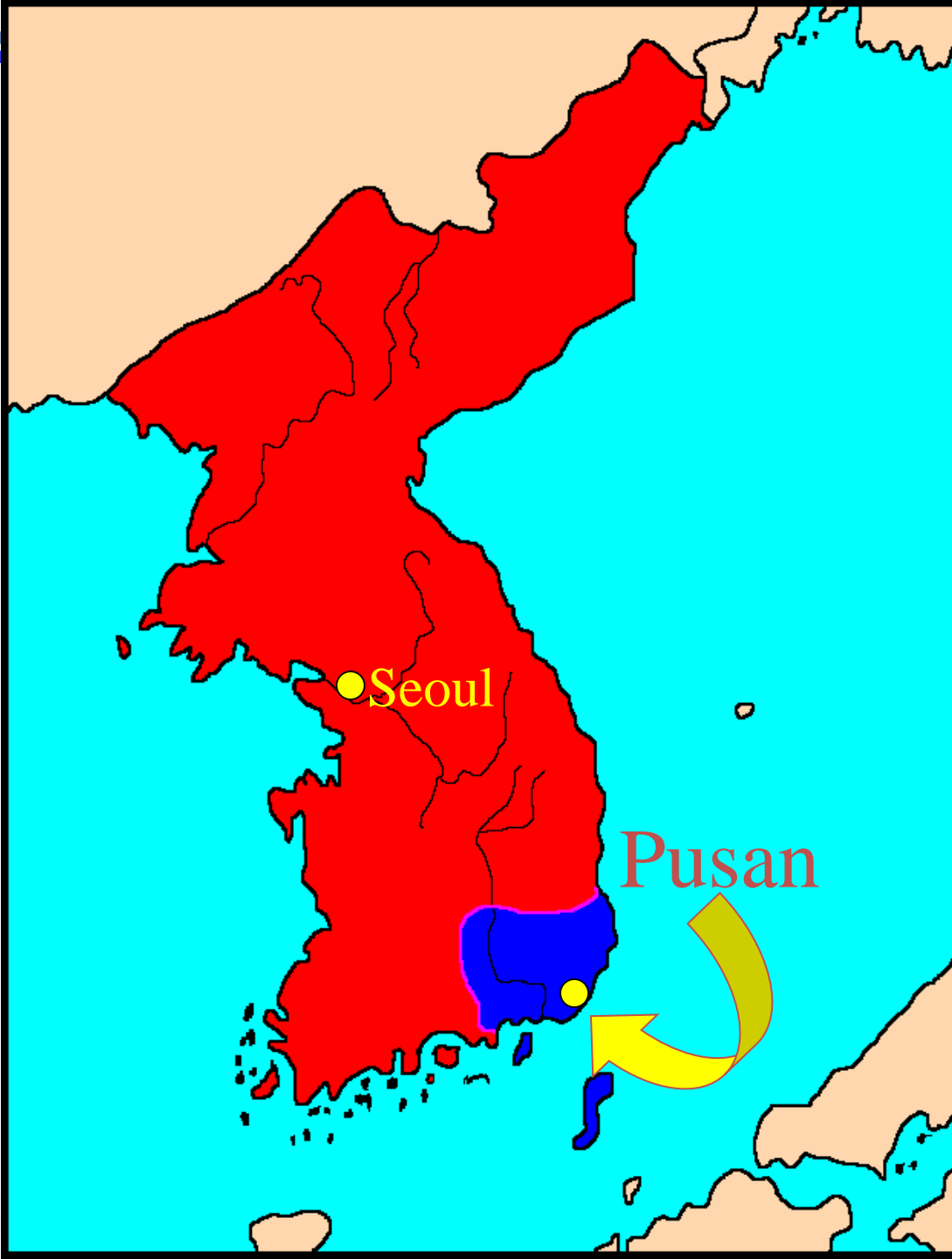
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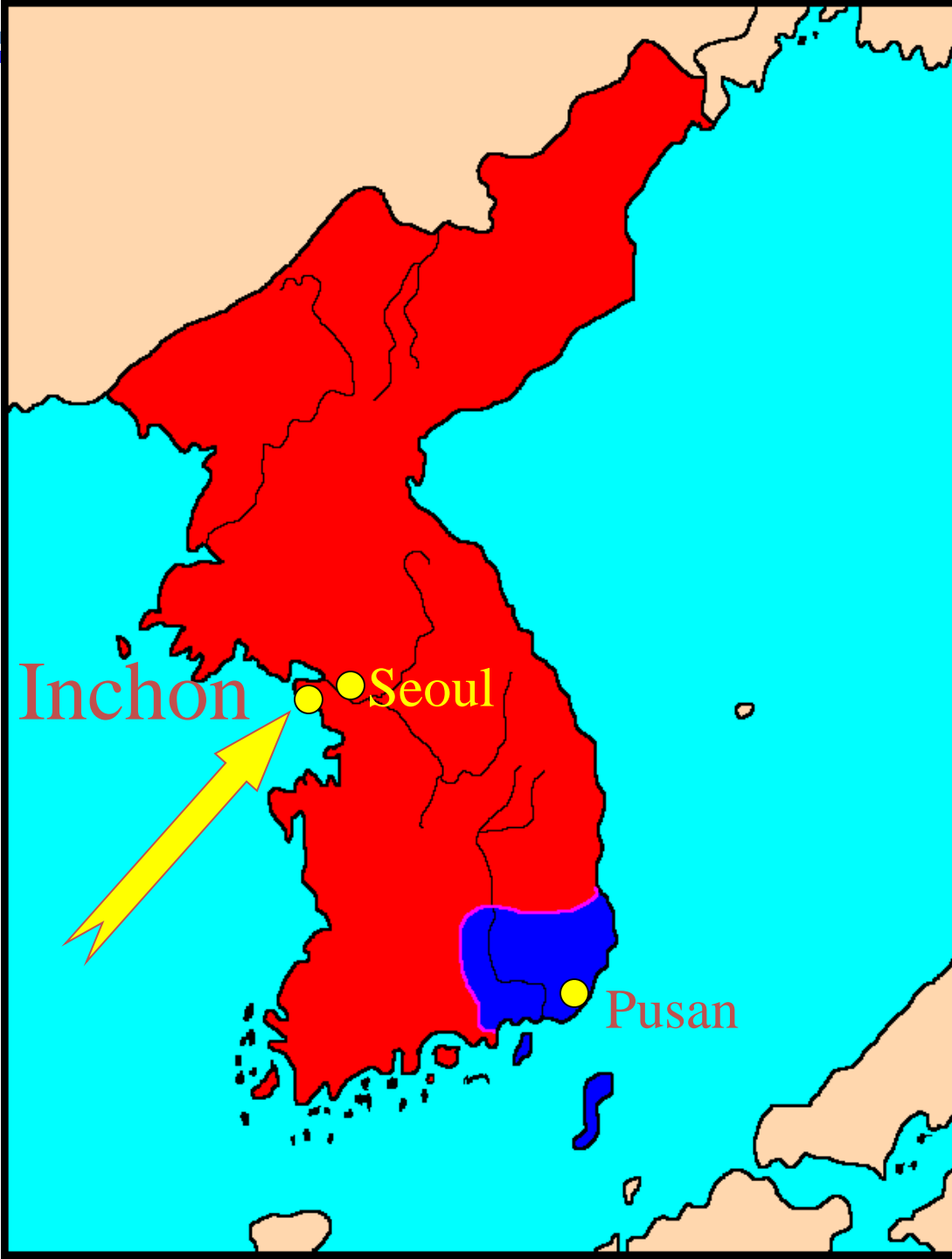
The Korean Peninsula



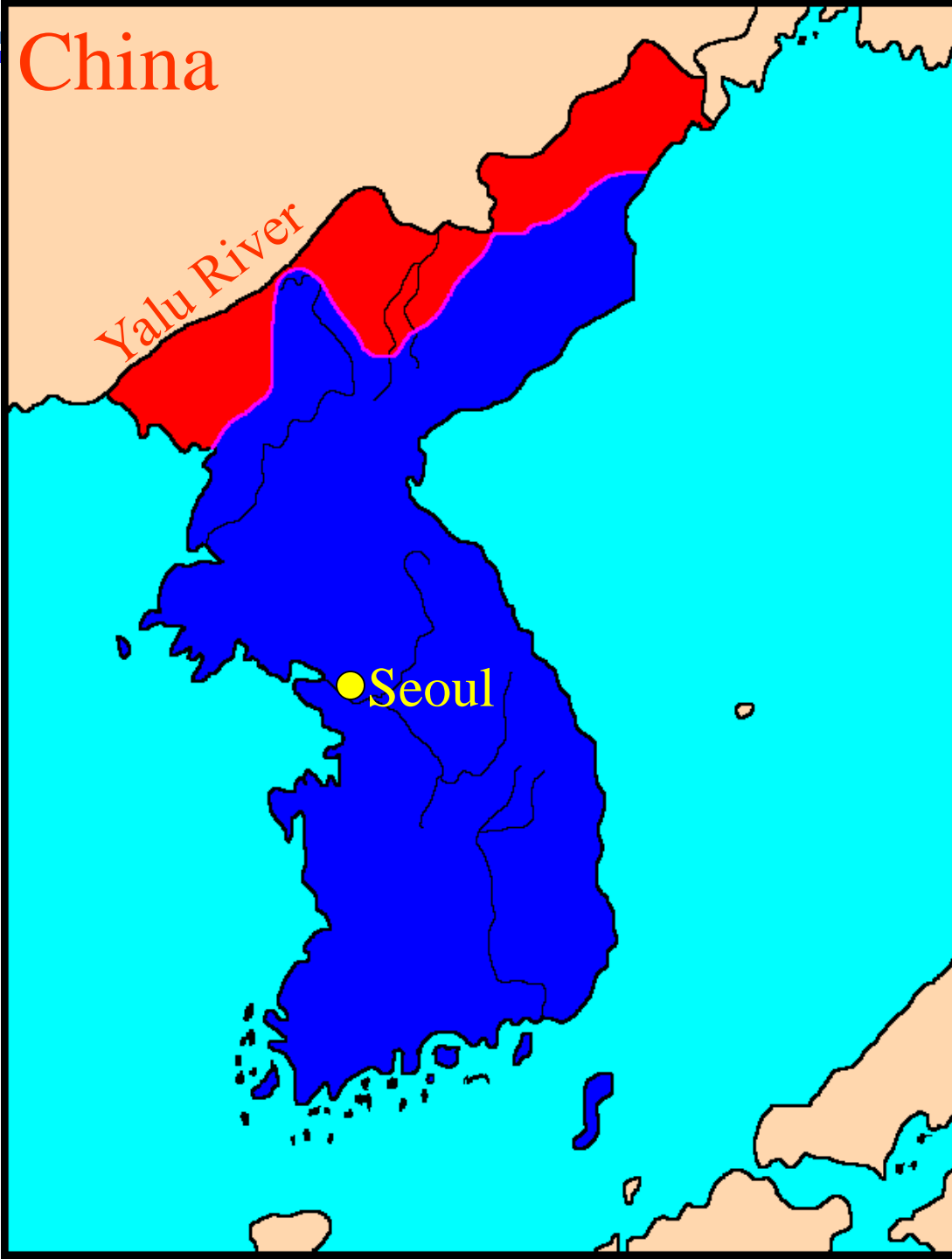
At the end of World War II, Korea was divided in two at the 38th Parallel; the north being communist and the south a freely elected democracy.



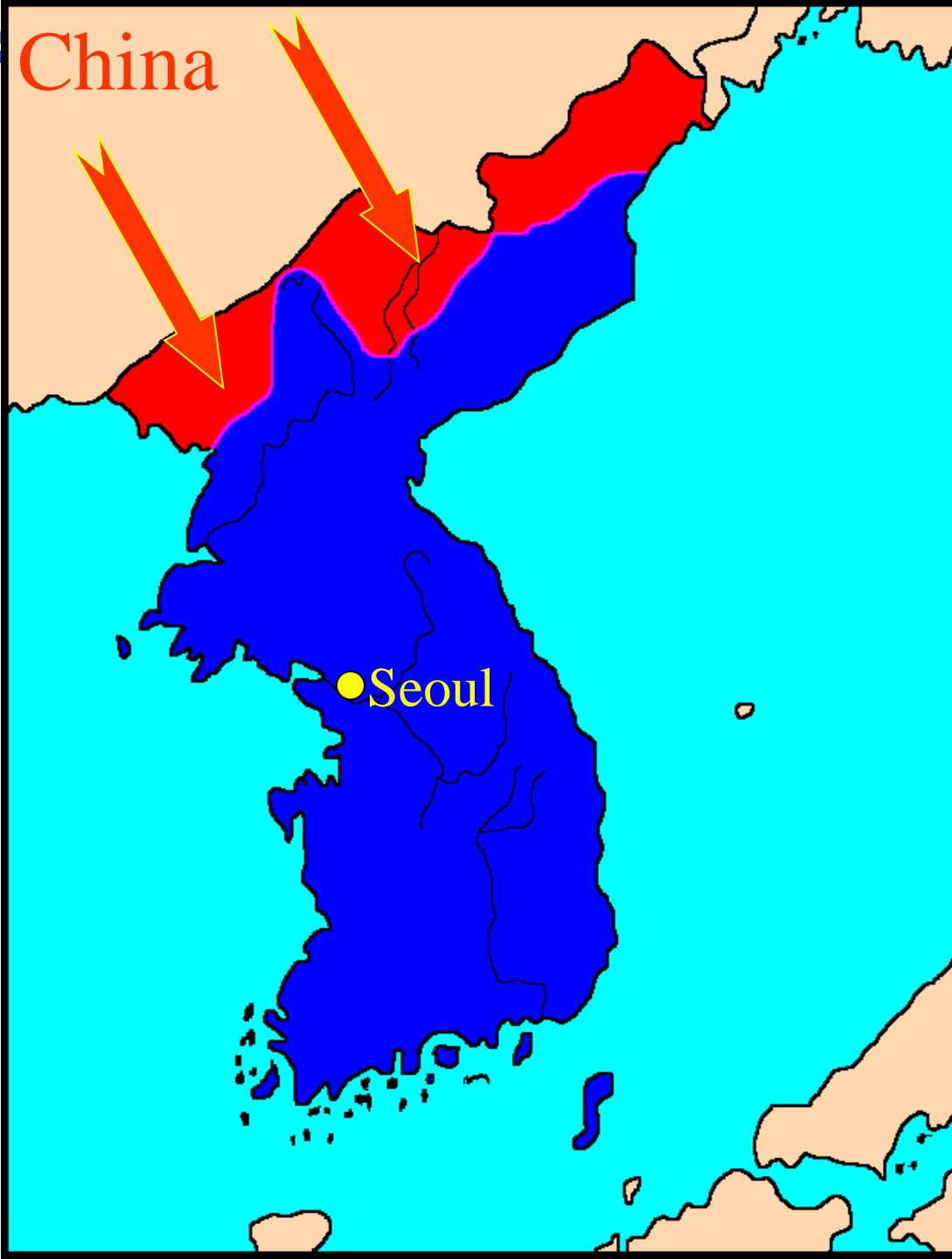
On June 25, 1950,
North Korea
invaded South
Korea, quickly
taking the capital
city of Seoul and
pushing almost to
Pusan by
September.



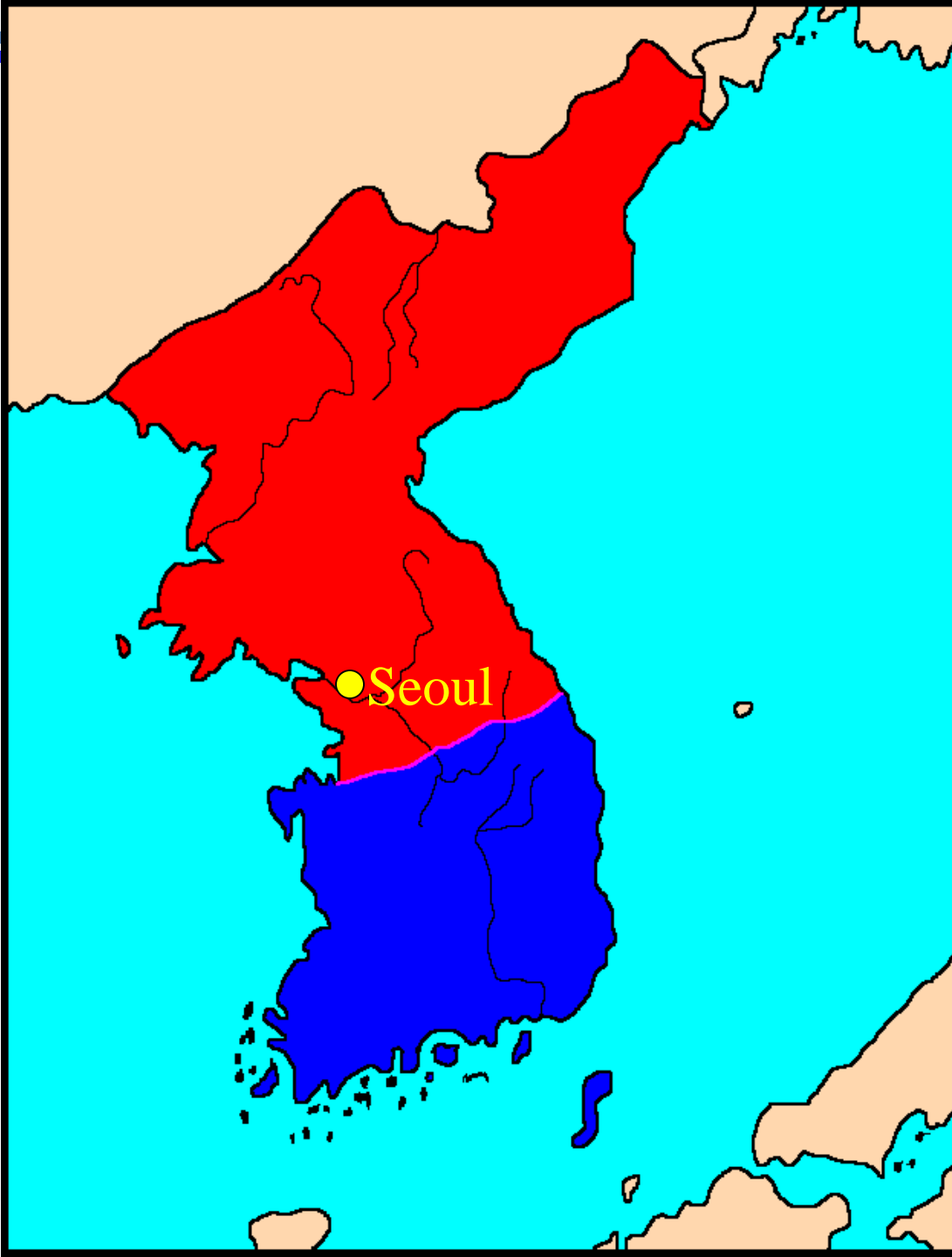
In September, 1950, United Nations forces, led by U.S. General Douglas MacArthur, with a surprise landing at Inchon.



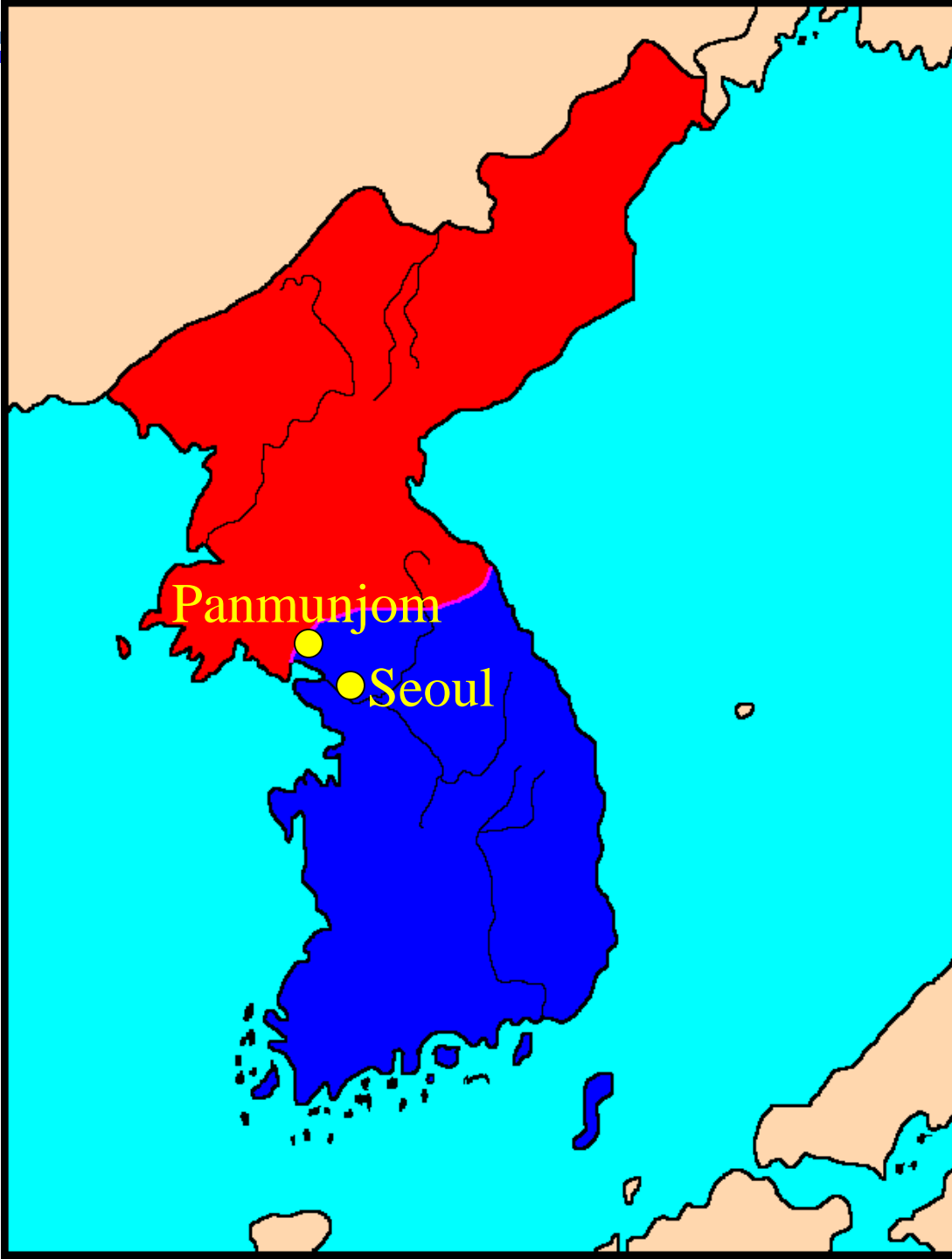
U.N. forces swiftly liberated the South and, in November, had pushed the North Koreans almost to the Chinese border at the Yalu River.



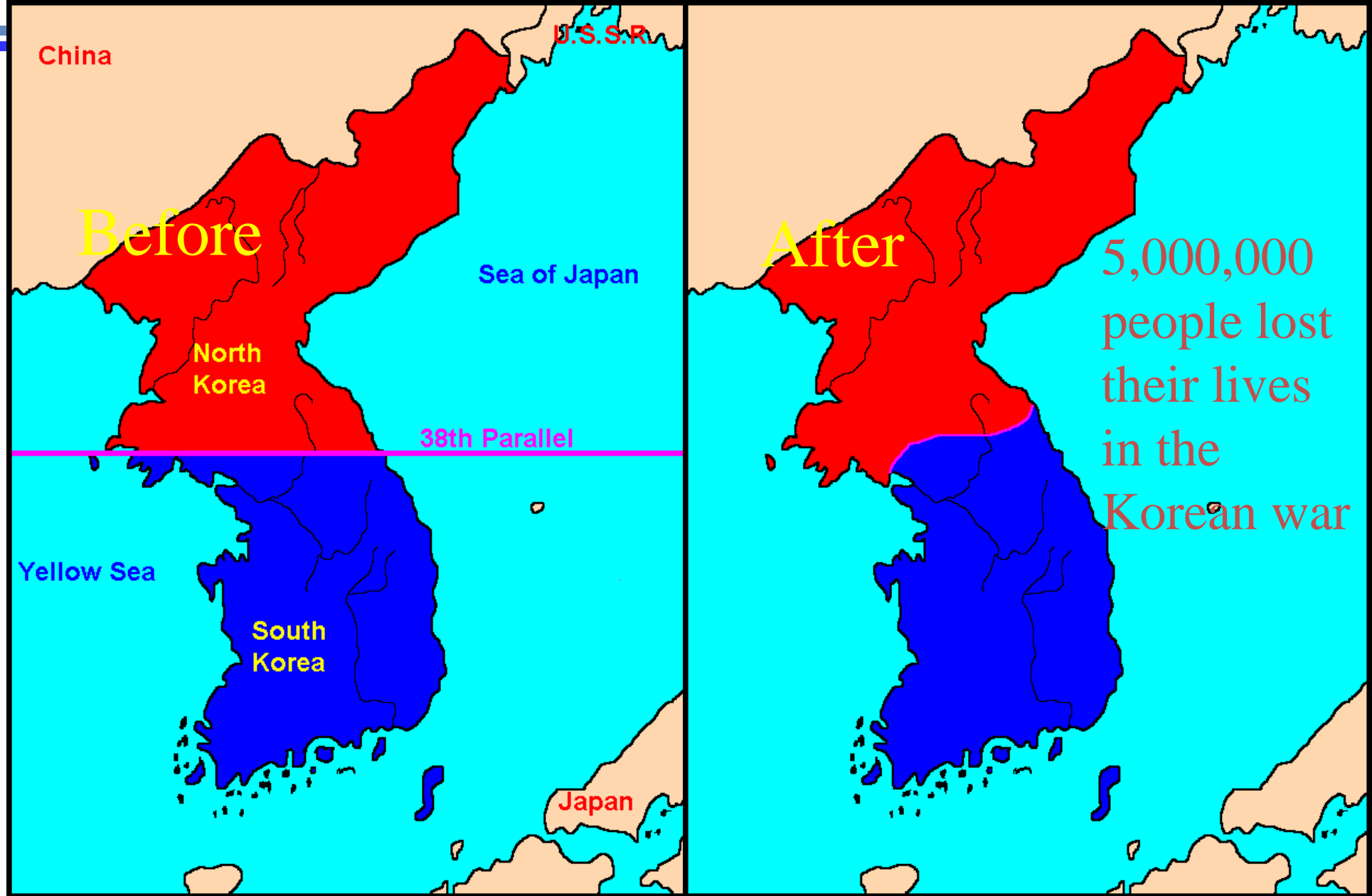
In late November, 1950, China came to the aid of the North, sending in 300,000 troops and driving the U.N. forces back.



By January, 1951,
the Communists
had retaken Seoul
and made their
deepest push of this
offensive.



By 1952, the U.N. forces had recaptured Seoul and most of South Korea. Peace talks began at Panmunjom. In July, 1953, a cease-fire was signed.



Korea before and after the war.

Political Issues

- **Dwight (Ike) D. Eisenhower** elected president
- **1953: Stalin died**
- **July 1953: cease-fire in Korea signed**
- **Still in effect today**
- **Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO): defensive alliance aimed at preventing spread of communism**





SIMON SAYS...



The leaders of North and South Korea have only recently started working toward a peace treaty to end hostilities between their countries.

Korean War's Impact on America



Immediate Effects

- 54,000 Americans killed
- 103,000 Americans wounded
- Relations with China worsen
- Armed forces racially integrated

Long-Term Effects

- Military spending increases
- Worldwide military commitments increase
- Relations with Japan improve
- Future presidents send military into combat without Congressional approval

SUMMARY:

These notes are about...
(1-2 sent)
(Main Idea → Use the WIN strategy!)

□ W.I.N. strategy:


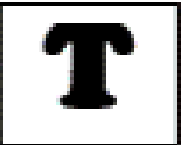

- **WHO/WHAT** - Figure out the most important *who* or *what (topic)*
- **INFORMATION** - Figure out the most important *information* about the *who* or *what*
- **NUMBER OF WORDS** - Write the main idea using the fewest possible *number of words*

Lecture Focus Question

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- Response = 3-4 well thought out sentences minimum! (topic sentence + supporting details)

Notes Grading Rubric

Notes Color-Coded	MIS INC ✓	Brain Snack(s)	MIS INC ✓
LFQ Color-Coded	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓
LFQ Answer (3-4 sent)	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓
Summary (1-2 sent)	MIS INC ✓	2 x 	MIS INC ✓