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Korean War Map Activity

Basic Map Questions – Use the maps below to answer the following questions.

1. What serves as the dividing line between North Korea and South Korea? _____
2. What is the capital of North Korea? _____
3. What is the capital of South Korea? _____
4. What 2 countries border North Korea? _____
5. What country borders South Korea to the south? _____
6. What bodies of water surround North and South Korea? _____
7. What type of landform is North and South Korea combined? _____
8. What natural features serves as the border between China and North Korea? _____







Korean War Maps – Study maps A-F. Match the correct map to the appropriate stage of the Korean War.

Map A



Map B



Map C



Map D



Map E



Map F



_____ 9. Stage 1 – June 25, 1950; North Korea attacks the South and captures the capital of Seoul

_____ 10. Stage 2 – late July, 1950; North Korea pushes the United Nations forces to the southeast corner of the peninsula

_____ 11. Stage 3 – September 1951; United Nations forces stage an amphibious invasion near Seoul, recapture Seoul, and cut the North Korean supply lines

_____ 12. Stage 4 – October 1951; United Nations forces push the North Koreans across the 38th parallel and further north (China feels threatened by the massive invasion of North Korea)

_____ 13. Stage 5 – November 1951; China enters the war, which creates "an entirely new war," and the capital of Seoul is retaken by the North Koreans

_____ 14. Stage 6 – January 1952; United Nations forces recapture Seoul and a stalemate commences

Map Analysis – Using information from maps A-F answer the following questions in complete sentences.

15. What risks were taken by General MacArthur, the commander of the United Nations forces, when he ordered the invasion at Inchon?

16. When China entered the war (Stage 5) General MacArthur told the Joint Chiefs, "We face an entirely new war." What could the United Nation forces have done differently to avoid China entering the war?

17. Stage 6 started the slow and painful recapturing of the capital of Seoul, which then turned into a stalemate. General Matthew Ridgway, United Nations forces, and his troops referred to this stage of the war as the "meatgrinder." Explain the use of this term and its implications.