

# Korea: The Forgotten War

4 Classroom Seminars

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Part I  
Roots of Conflict

**Part I: Roots of Conflict (1h 15m):** Korea today; North vs South; economic realities; geography; Treaty of Portsmouth; Japan 1910; Potsdam; Hiroshima; Russian invasion; Yo Un Huong; 1<sup>st</sup> president Syngman Rhee; Kim Il Sung; Stalin and Mao; the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel; Acheson; invasion of the South; MacArthur reacts; Truman; Pusan Perimeter; Johnny Walker; Fall of Taejon; the Naktong; Inchon;

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**Part II: MacArthur Heads to the Yalu: (1h 15m)** The Cold War begins; McCarthy; Mao; China crosses the Yalu; Walker heads North; bombing the Yalu bridges; bugles of war; defeat at Yusan; retreat from Kunu-ri; ambush at The Gauntlet; Paul Freeman at Anjou; Ned Almond; O.P. Smith at the Chosin Reservoir; last stand at Fox Hill; retreat from Yudam-ni; bridge at Koto-ri; evacuation at Hungnam

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Part III  
Ridgeway Takes Command

**Part III: Ridgeway Takes Command (1h 15m):** Ridgeway; China crosses the 38<sup>th</sup>; evacuation of Soeul; 5 battles of Soeul; Wonju; the Twin Tunnels; Chip Yong-ni; Montclair-the French Foreign Legion; Chinese withdrawal; the Wonjon Shoot; MacArthur's removal of MacArthur; farewell; peace talks; the Punchbowl; Battle of Heartbreak Ridge; P'anmunjom: Pork Chop Hill; Armistice

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Part IV  
The Lasting Impact

**Part IV: The Lasting Impact (1h 15m):** Militarization of the DMZ; NK presidents (4); SK presidents (11); Eisenhower; death of Stalin; Battle of Kumsong; overthrown of Syngman Rhee; Park Chung Hee; Dien Bien Phu: John Foster Dulles; Ike's Military Industrial Complex; JFK; Blue House raid; Pueblo; Kissinger to China; axe murders; Kwangju; KAL flight 858; Korean Olympics; going nuclear;

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