

Pelmanism

The War in Korea

This revision activity works best if you do it with a friend, and talk about it as you do it.

This simple game will familiarise you with the events, and help you remember the dates.

Print off (on card or thick paper) & cut out the cards below, shuffle and lay them out face down randomly on the table. In turn, each player turns over two cards (one small, one large); if they have a date card which matches its events card, they keep the 'trick', if not, they replace both cards face down in their exact place. on the table. The winner is the player with most pairs ('tricks') at the end of the game.

For a harder game, lay out the date+events cards in date order. Ask one player to leave and remove an agreed number of cards. Invite them to return and remember the missing information.

As you play the game, discuss why each event was significant in the story of the War.

10 Aug 1945	The USA and USSR agreed to divide Korea at the 38th Parallel
May 1948	Rhee became President of South Korea after sham elections
Oct 1949	Mao's communist victory in China
Apr 1950	Stalin agreed to support Kim Il Sung's invasion of South Korea
25 June 1950	North Korea invaded and overran the South (Operation Pokpung)
27 June 1950	UN Security Council passed Resolution 83

15 Sept 1950	Inchon Landings by US forces
24 Oct 1950	The ROK 6th Division reached the Yalu River
25 Nov 1950	PVA 'Second Offensive' drove the UN forces out of North Korea
Apr 1951	8th Army invaded North Korea to the 'Wyoming Line'
11 Apr 1951	Truman sacked MacArthur
Sept 1951	Battles of Bloody Ridge and Heartbreak Ridge → Stalemate
Mar 1953	Stalin died
Apr 1953	Little Switch exchange of sick & wounded POWs
June 1953	Little Truce Talks between Rhee and the US
27 July 1953	Ceasefire signed at Panmunjom