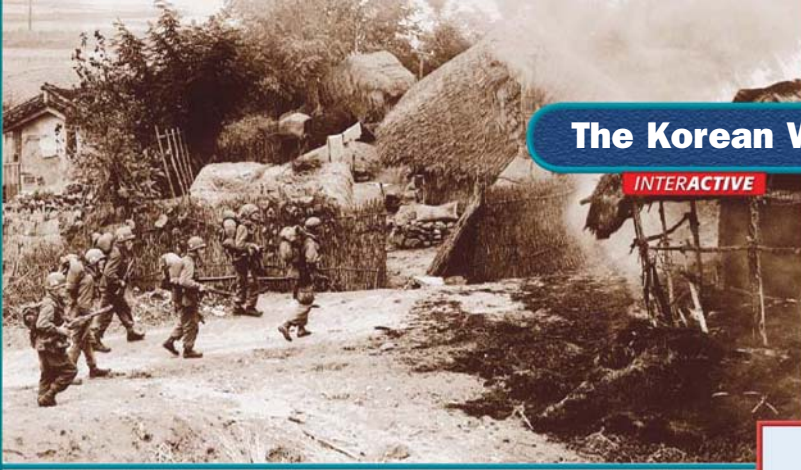


The Korean War, 1950–1953



INTERACTIVE

American paratroopers comb through a village in North Korea on October 20, 1950, during the Korean War.

SOVIET UNION



June 1950
North Korean troops invade South Korea and capture the capital, Seoul.



September 1950
North Koreans push South Koreans and UN troops south to the perimeter of Pusan.



September to October 1950
UN troops under MacArthur land at Inchon and move north from Pusan. This two-pronged attack drives the North Koreans out of South Korea. UN troops then continue into North Korea, take Pyongyang, and advance to the Yalu River.



November 1950 to January 1951
The Chinese intervene and force UN troops to retreat across the 38th parallel.

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- 1. Movement** How far south did North Korean troops push the UN forces?
- 2. Place** Why do you think MacArthur chose Inchon as his landing place?

