

CRASH COURSE: U.S. History

TIME-STAMPED EPISODE 38: THE COLD WAR IN ASIA

1. What nickname sums up how much many Americans know about the Korean War? (0:49)
2. What communist power did the U.S. fight against in Korea? (1:06)
3. How did the U.S. become involved in Korea's civil war? (1:54)
4. What line of the map divided (and still divides) North and South Korea? (2:16)
5. Why did China attack U.S. forces in November, 1950? (2:43)
6. What tactic did the U.S. pursue in a huge way trying to win in Korea? (2:59)
7. Who was elected President in 1952? (3:12)
8. When did Truman get Congress to declare war on Korea? (3:50)
9. During what era of paranoia over communism did the Korean War happen? (4:10)
10. Who was the communist leader of North Vietnam? (5:16)
11. What theory about communism caused the U.S. to get involved in Vietnam? (5:42)
12. What nation did the U.S. originally support in Vietnam? (6:10)
13. Why did the United States not allow the elections promised by the Geneva Accords – elections that would have united North and South Vietnam under a single leader? (6:30)
14. What two reasons did the South Vietnamese have for disliking Ngo Dinh Diem, who was supported by the U.S. because he opposed communism? (6:39)
15. What kind of troops did America send to Vietnam in the early 1960s? (6:53)
16. Under which president was the Vietnam War massively expanded? (7:18)
17. What stands out most about the Gulf of Tonkin incident which led Congress to grant the president huge authority to conduct the Vietnam War? (7:48)
18. How did the Tet Offensive change American attitudes about the war? (9:02)
19. How much bombing happened in Vietnam? (9:30)
20. Why did war atrocities in Vietnam shock Americans far more than had been the case in previous wars? (9:46)
21. Why were most U.S. soldiers from the lower classes? (10:04)
22. There were large anti-war protests, but most Americans actually supported the war up until what year? (10:24)
23. What were Nixon's main strategies for ending the war? (10:53)
24. What did the Pentagon Papers show the U.S. public about the war? (11:33)
25. The U.S. withdrew its troops in 1973. What happened in 1975? (12:12)
26. How did the Vietnam war change American attitudes toward the government? (13:07)