Korean War - Webquest

Directions: Complete the following questions using the link listed below.

http://www.history.com/topics/korean-war

1. When did the Korean War begin?

2. What caused the outbreak of the Korean War?

3. Explain how Korean was divided between the northern half and the southern half. How did this division occur? Where did this division occur?
4. By the end of the decade, two new states had formed on the peninsula. In the _______, the anti-communist dictator ________________ (1875-1965) enjoyed the reluctant support of the American government; in the _______, the communist dictator ___________ (1912-1994) enjoyed the slightly more enthusiastic support of the Soviets.

5. In what way did the growing conflict in Korea symbolize the overall Cold War?

6. How did President Harry S. Truman view the Korean War?

7. Who was Douglas MacArthur?

8. What role did China play in the conflict? How did it impact the decisions of the Americans?

9. Explain the tensions that grew between MacArthur and Truman. What was the source of the tensions and what did it lead to?
10. Explain how the Korean War ended.

11. The Korean War was relatively short but exceptionally bloody. Nearly ____ million people died. More than half of these—about 10 percent of Korea’s prewar population—were ____. (This rate of civilian casualties was higher than World War II’s and Vietnam’s.) Almost _______ Americans died in action in Korea, and more than _________ were wounded.

12. What is the legacy of the Korean War? Why is it still significant today?