U.S. History Quiz

The Cold War, part 2:
The 1950s
The Korean War began when:

1. The Soviet Union invaded South Korea
2. North Korea invaded South Korea
3. South Korea invaded North Korea
4. Japan invaded South Korea
How did the United Nations respond to the Korean War?

1. The UN supported the Communist side
2. The UN condemned the invasion, but did nothing
3. The UN organized a military response involving 16 nations
4. The UN ignored the Korean War
How did MacArthur’s landing at Inchon turn the tide of the war?

1. It was a disaster, after which UN forces had to settle for a stalemate
2. It succeeded spectacularly by cutting off the N. Koreans’ retreat
3. It led to the surrender of North Korea
4. It brought China into the war
Why did U.S. involvement in Korea end in stalemate?

1. The Soviets entered the war on the side of the North
2. The Chinese entered the war on the side of the North
3. The U.N. withdrew support for the war
4. All of the above

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Why did President Truman fire General MacArthur?

1. MacArthur’s approach was not aggressive enough
2. Truman feared MacArthur would start World War III
3. MacArthur refused to use nuclear weapons
4. MacArthur sympathized with the Communists
Which of the following best describes GI conditions during the Korean War?

1. GIs had to endure sub-zero cold
2. It was the first time blacks & whites fought in integrated units
3. POWs were subjected to Communist “brainwashing”
4. All of the above
Compared to World War II, The Korean War:

1. Was smaller
2. Enjoyed more limited success
3. Garnered less attention on the Home Front
4. All of the above
The Cold War acronym MAD stands for:

1. Majestic but Awful Destruction
2. Mutually Assumed Death
3. Mutually Assured Destruction
4. Mega-Atomic Destruction
The Cold War nuclear arms race was based on the concept of:

1. Nuclear deterrence
2. Brinkmanship
3. Massive retaliation
4. All of the above
Which of the following did **NOT** occur during the “Red Scare?”

1. Senator Joseph McCarthy uncovered Communists in the U.S. government
2. The “Hollywood Ten” were blacklisted
3. Paranoia about Communism swept the nation
4. The Rosenbergs were executed for spying
McCarthyism ended when:

1. McCarthy lost his presidential bid
2. The Senate impeached him
3. TV showed his methods were improper
4. He was assassinated

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