

Lesson 2***Student Handout 2.1—Origins of the Korean War***

Directions to students: Using your textbook and additional resources, fill in the following chart to describe the interests that various countries and organizations had in the Korean peninsula before and during the Korean War. You should note if these interests changed over time or if certain individuals or groups in these countries had varying or competing interests. Be sure to note your sources when you fill in the chart. In the right-hand column, use what you have learned so far in this unit to describe connections between the interests and actions of countries in the Korean conflict and larger Cold War patterns.

Country	Interest in Korea during WWII	Interest in Korea after WWII	Actions taken in Korea in 1950-1951	Connections to Cold War patterns
Soviet Union				
United States				
China				
United Nations				

1. What were Kim Il-Sung's goals before and during the Korean War?

2. What were Syngman Rhee's goals before and during the Korean War?