**IV. A Tale of Two Koreas**

1. Brief Korean History

* During World War II the Korean Peninsula was controlled by Japan
* When Japan lost the war they also lost control of Korea
* **North Korea –**
* **South Korea –**
* **1950 –**
* **Korean War –**
* War ends without either side winning
* **Demilitarized Zone –**

B. South Korea’s Government

* **Limited Government –**
* South Koreans enjoy many right today, such as freedom of speech and press, that are protected by their constitution

C. North Korea’s Government

* **Dictator –**
* Continues to be ruled as a Communist country
* Government controls all information people see on the news and most North Koreans do not have cell phones or Internet access

D. South Korea’s Economy

* One of the largest economies in the world
* **Market Economy –**
* Exports many high-tech goods like cell phones and computers

E. North Korea’s Economy

* **Command Economy –**
* One of the poorest economies in the world
* Leaders have chosen to spend most of its money on the military
* Have also created tension with other countries around the world for refusing to stop developing nuclear weapons