

## References for the Theme, 2024: Korean War

*The following is a list of references for the theme for 2024, “the Korean War” The list is not exhaustive but compiled here to provide some help with initiating research of the topic. Books on Korea will provide you with general information on the theme. Online sites will be helpful in more in-depth researching specific topics of your interest. In addition, you may find several movies, and TV series, and documentaries. Please note that these movies and TV reflect producers’ interpretation of the War, not necessarily the precise facts. The list also contains memoirs and autobiographical stories of the soldiers, and ordinary Koreans.*

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