

SECONDARY SOURCE

Two-to-Three-Paragraph Quotation—Multiple Choice

Directions: Use the information in the passage and your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the questions.

My Father's Memories of the Korean War

But the violence of it was almost welcome, because for a while he forgot about being cold. He had never been cold. Oh, once or twice a year back home [Alabama] it got cold enough to freeze the ducks on the pond or to dust the ground with snow. This was something else, something as alien as the words the enemy screamed at him as they hurled themselves again and again at the dug-in Americans. This was cold that burned like red-hot needles.

Men were sent home blown to pieces by mines and pocked with bullet holes, but more often with frozen feet, fingers, ears, noses. The ones who were shot were shot through five layers of clothes, so that sometimes the hurt and blood didn't show. It looked like whole platoons of men had just gotten weary, and lain down to sleep.

They did much of their moving through trenches, where every step cracked through the ice underfoot, so that his feet were not just half-frozen but wet, so that the ice collected between his toes.

—Rick Bragg, *All Over But the Shoutin'* (1997)

1. In the first paragraph, the author says the cold was as foreign as

- A the new technology.
- B the enemy's words.
- C the hilly terrain.
- D machine guns and snipers.

2. In the second paragraph the author says the most common reason men were sent home was

- A frostbite.
- B injuries from mines.
- C illness from the foreign food.
- D being killed in action.

Test Your Knowledge

Describe the international effects of the conflict in Korea.