

South
Korea



Just for fun!

Food



Markets FYI Koreans eat the most ramen in the world
Citizens eat about 84.3 bowls a year.





[South Korean Desserts!](#)



Kpop

Blackpink



ZICO



BTS



High Fashion and Gangnam style

Winter Fashion



PSY

HIGH FASHION
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Government

Korea is a presidential republic. Their current president is President Yoon Suk Yeol. He is very conservative. He promises to be tougher on North Korea.

Since the birth rate dropped significantly in 2022, Korea now offers 18 months off after childbirth.

PARASITE



Film and Television

Hallyu The Korea Wave refers to the rise of South Korean popular culture. Korean pop culture is now known world wide. This is South Korean culture!

Work and Education



There is currently a 52 hour work week. (The United States has 40) The current president wants to make the work week 68 hours a week.

School is very competitive

Chaebol The name for rich and powerful families in South Korea. They are also financial cliques or corporate conglomerates made up of marriages between rich corporate families. Examples: Hyundai, or Samsung (largest Chaebol)

Suneung test The test in South Korea which students take at age 15. The roads close down and police escorts make sure that they get to the testing site. This test determines the next stage for these students. In South Korea it is so competitive that it is very hard to get a good job. You have to be the top in all areas. Conversely, in North Korea you are forced to take jobs you do not want. Once you take the test you are tracked as academic or vocational.

Hagwon private school with tutors who help Korean students excel in school is often noted as a “cram” school to help study for the Suneung test.

Privilege and Caste System can create many problems. Jobs are very hard to land because of competition. It is a meritocracy.

Also without safety nets terrible tragedies can happen. [Ferry Tragedy](#)

Religion in Korea

Religions of Korea



Military

- Republic of Korea Armed Forces(ROC)
- Mandatory two years for all men
- All three branches of military have the same symbol
- Often wealthy men can find ways to avoid military service, but it is looked down upon
- [JHope](#) joins military



Places to see.....and places to see online [webtoons](#)

Take away a freeway and create paradise.





Issues and progress

Sticky activism A form of protesting popular in South Korea where sticky notes with handwritten messages are posted on a public space. Often images are uploaded to online media. Currently being used by women to protest the misogyny (anti women's rights and hatred) toward women in South Korea

Women's rights

Xenophobia

Caring about others

Filial piety Concept from Confucianism throughout Asia that originated in China which states one must honor, respect, and obey their parents.

Confucianism An ancient Chinese philosophy popular throughout Asia that believes in three things. Filial piety, humanness and ritual

North Korea



North Korea: The Democratic People's War of Korea

Type of Government is a dictatorship, single-party state; official state ideology of "Juche" or "national self-reliance"

Juche The ideal of the North Korean government. They are isolated and dependent, Juche permeates their culture and the government propaganda tells the masses that all they need is their loyalty and that North

According to the [CIA WORLD FACTBOOK](#) "North Korea has a history of provocative regional military actions and posturing that are of major concern to the international community and have limited North Korea's international engagement, particularly economically. These include proliferation of military-related items; long-range missile development; WMD programs including tests of nuclear devices in 2006, 2009, 2013, 2016, and 2017; and large conventional armed forces. In 2013, North Korea declared a policy of simultaneous development of its nuclear weapons program and economy."

[Historic Meeting Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump](#)

His father Kim Il Sung was declared Eternal Leader of North Korea. This was Kim Jong Un's grandfather who invented the concept of Juche. The belief that these leaders Kim Jong IL the father of Kim Jong Un and all the way back to Kim Sun are Forever Leader and the there was mythology around them that they are more than human.

Question: Is the Korean War over?

Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il

Eternal Leaders



Sunshine Policy: under Kim Jong Il

Sunshine Policy, a policy that was designed to make the gap between the North and South Korea economies smaller.

The national security policy had three basic principles:

- No armed provocation by the North will be tolerated;
- The South will not attempt to absorb the North in any way;
- The South will actively seek cooperation and reconciliation.

Hyundai and North Korea

"It's very hard to find a success story," said Lim Wan Kyun, head of the Inter-Korea Economic Association, who poured millions of dollars into building factories in Pyongyang before the authorities there blocked his entry into the country last year, citing political tensions with South Korea. "You are a fool if you enter North Korea to make money."

Current Eternal Leader Kim Jong Un



38th Parallel DMZ The Korean Demilitarized Zone located along the 38th north parallel divides North and South Korea.

Resort Shooting



Societal Norms and Changes

Songbun The status or caste system in North Korea. Those who are more affiliated with the Communist party are treated better. Also, if you have ancestors who were involved in the resistance to the Japanese occupation you are higher up. If you have a relative who was a minister or merchant (anything considered Western or capitalist) you are lower class. There are three main caste or class types in Songbun

Jangmadang Generation The new generation of North Koreans who are slowly embracing capitalism through the system of Jangmadang. Who are embracing trade with China in secret. This little taste of capitalism is helping the new generation to go against the communism stronghold

Jangmadang local markets, farmers markets, black markets, and trade that is both illegal and legal in North Korea. The government is so isolated they can longer provide rations to their people, so they are forced to find their own way. The government does not always punish the markets, but trade with anywhere else is highly illegal.

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Cold Noodles

Naengmyeon

Popular dish in both
Koreas!



Underground Free Market



Now you are off to find information about both Koreas

Please read the homework, and ask me questions. I will be guiding you through your journey!