

**SUGGESTIONS ON KOREAN CULTURE LESSON IDEAS**

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| Unit 1: History of Korean Immigration/ The American Dream/Economic Development |
| * Geography
* East Asia
* South Korea vs North Korea
* Korean Tourism – Seoul, Jeju Island, Gyungju, Busan, Pyungchang
* Brief overview of premodern and modern history
* Three Kingdoms – Goguryo, Backje, Silla
* United Silla Dynasty
* Goryo Dynasty
* Joseon Dynasty
* Japanese Occupation
* Republic of Korea (South Korea)
* Korean War – division of North and South Korea in the contest of the Cold War and beyond
* Three waves of immigration to the US, but also highlight immigration to Latin America (and eventually to the US),

as well as adoptions to the US and other countries * Korean American Leaders –
* Dosan Ahn Chang Ho, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cbLcSWDgdY>

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEQa_ah9US0>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1XspKfQeTw>, * Dr. Phillip Jaisohn <http://jaisohn.org/korean/dr-philip-jaisohn/>, <https://vimeo.com/291285626>,
* Susan Ahn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpGa8mrTb2Y>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWL55WgOpbQ>
* Dr. Sammy Lee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlpReAAeeuc> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGMmolCdtPI>
* Seungman Rhee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-BMdP787i0>
* Colonel Young Oak Kim <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzzyCvwKiRg> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3tQ7Cvuk_g>
* Charles H. Kim <https://kim-lausd-ca.schoolloop.com/aboutcharleshkim>
* Present-day life in Koreatown, how it affects Los Angeles, United States
* This covers diversity of Koreatown, beyond Korean-Americans, and perhaps other Korean co-ethnic communities such as Fullerton, Garden Grove, and Diamond Bar)
* Korean currency and famous figures on it (Korean currency vs. American currency)
* 100 Won coin – Admiral Yi Sunshin
* 1,000 Won – Scholar Yi Hangbok
* 5,000 Won – Scholar Yi Yulgok
* 10,000 Won – King Sejong
* 50,000 Won – Woman artist Shin Saimdang
* Exchange rate of other counties
* Korea’s Economy power -- rank 14th in the world
* GDP per capita – over $30,000
* IT industry – Samsung, LG Cell phone, computer
* Automobiles – Hyundai, KIA
* Appliances – Samsung, LG
* Cosmetic industry
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| Unit 2: Culture and Transnationalism/ Identity of Korean American Youth/ Korean Americans in Arts |
| Compare and Contrast. Past and Present * Korean language – Hangeul 한글
* King Sejong – Hunminjeongeum
* Scientific language
* Yin-yang theory
* Korean culture (Korean manners)
	+ Bowing (Greeting elders)
	+ Passing with two hands (expression of respect to elders)
	+ Family- and group-oriented
	+ Age (age-appropriate expressions: honorific forms)
	+ Shoes (when entering houses and certain restaurants)
* Korean names vs. American names – Honorifics 명칭, 호칭, 존칭
* Korean Zodiac 열두띠
* Korean birthdays – 백일, 첫돌, 환갑, 진갑, 희수…..
* Traditional games
	+ Korean jacks 공기
	+ Ddakji chigi 딱지치기
	+ 오목 (form of Othello).
	+ Korean chess 바둑
	+ Kite flying (연 날리기)
	+ Yut Game -Korean 4 stick game (윷놀이)
* Korean drumming/dancing; 사물놀이, 난타
* Korean American Day Art Contest (each year, the Korean Foundation presents an art contest, last year it was about “Korea: past, present, and future”)
* Korean Holidays 한국 명절
* Lunar New Years’ Day 설날
* Chuseok- Korean Thanksgiving Day 추석
* Songpyun and Ddukguk 송편과 떡국
	+ Lunar vs solar calendars
	+ Bowing (young people to elders, special bow dedicated to New Years)
	+ Hanbok 한복 (emphasize that Hanbok fashions have changed over time, and continue to do so)
	+ Gifts and food
* Calligraphy 서예
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| Unit 3: K-Pop music & K-Beauty and Fashion |
| * Hallyu (history of how it began)
* Trot, country, ballad,
* K\_POP idols
* Seo Taiji/ H.O.T. / S.E.S/ Wonder Girls
* Big Bang/2 PM/EXO
* Girls’ Generation/ Black Pink
* Psy /BTS;
* Korean punk and Korean indie music (ex: Hyukoh)
* Discussion of music and dance on how it reflects the culture and how it influences the culture)
* Listen and possibly shoot a music video
* K-POP and Taekwondo Collaboration
* K-POP and NANTA Collaboration
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| Unit 4: K-drama & K-Food  |
| * Table setting
* Rice, side dishes, tea, and seasoning
* Regional delights
* Holiday foods (설날- 떡국, 추석- 송편)
* Royal cuisine (구절판, 신선로)
* Temple food (vegan)
* Street food, Food court – 비빔밥, 김밥, 떢볶이, 만두…..
* All You Can It
* Party Gimbap – Rock Chef (Rock Hoon Kim)
* Korean-American chefs such as Roy Choi, David Chang, and perhaps chef Maangchi
* Food festivals
* Korean food videos (meokbang)
* Korean dramas vs. American dramas - story, storytelling (delivery)
* Mr. Sunshine (Korean Independence Movement)
* Dae Jang Geum (Court Food and oriental medicine)
* Korean actors in U.S. media
* Sandra Oh
* Byung Hun Lee
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