

**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 |