

## Korea & Its Traditions



#### As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Describe how geography affected life on the Korean peninsula.
- Understand the influence of China and Buddhism on Korea.
- Explain the major achievements of the Choson dynasty.

## **Geography of Korea**

Korea is on the peninsula attached to the Asian mainland (Today North & South Korea)

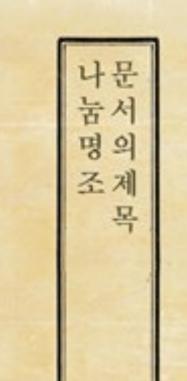
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Due to it being surrounded by water on all sides, fishing has always been important.

# Korea gained many of its culture from China & served as a bridge between China & Japan

Han emperor Wudi conjured the area in 108 B.C. setting up most of Korea's culture





#### Silla Dynasty Develops

Korea had 3 kingdoms: Koguryo, Paekche, & Silla who would often war with each other or China

Buddhism would enter the region bringing a sense of uniting through writing & culture

The Silla Kingdom would defeat & unify the other kingdoms to create the Silla Dynasty

Saw advances in art, medicine, astronomy, metal casting, & textile manufacturing

Built the capital city Kyongju & spread Buddhist



# Koryo Dynasty

A rebel general would take control in 935 & set up the Koryo Dynasty.

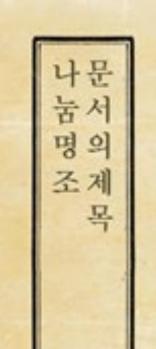
Korea went on to produce a flood of Buddhist texts via woodblock printing

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Korea would improve on Chinese inventions & create celadon, a porcelain technique to make an unusual blue-green glaze

Celadon is now a rarity as the secret of making it was destroyed in a Mongolian invasion



### **Chosen Dynasty**

The Mongols invaded Korea, but the Korean general Yi Song-gye overthrew them & begain the Chosen Dynasty

King Sejong would limit Chinese culture & develop hangul, Korean's new alphabet

This lead to a high literacy rate- the percentage of people who can read & write.

Eventually the Japanese would try to invade Korea, but Korea implemented "turtleships" the worlds first iron-clad ships

