

9. A CAPITAL COMPARISON

GRADE LEVEL: 6-9

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SUBJECT: Geography, History

TIME REQUIRED: 1 class period

OBJECTIVES:

1. Compare and contrast information about the capital cities of Seoul, South Korea, and Washington, D.C., in the United States.
2. Write descriptive paragraphs about places of interest located in both cities.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Internet access for research
- World almanacs, encyclopedias, atlases, and other related books including guidebooks about Seoul and Washington, D.C.
- Outline or city maps of Seoul and Washington, D.C.
- Handout: A Capital Comparison
- Appendix: Teacher Information

PROCEDURE:

1. Pass out the handout, A Capital Comparison. Direct students to use appropriate reference resources to complete procedures 1 and 2 on the handout. (TEACHING TIP: Working in ability-grouped pairs may be an appropriate strategy for this activity.)
2. Direct students to use outline or city maps of Seoul and Washington, D.C., to complete procedure 3. (TEACHING TIP: Maps such as ones found in tourist guidebooks may be used for this step, or a large city map could be displayed in the classroom, and students could place stickers on the locations of the Places of Interest.)

EVALUATION:

1. Accurate completion of handout procedures 1 and 2 using appropriate references.
2. Descriptive paragraphs and illustrations of Places of Interest.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Books:

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- South Korea—in Pictures*. Lerner, 1989.
- Seoul '88: The Official Book of the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad*. St. Louis, MO: Southwestern Bell, 1988.
- Shepherd, Patricia. *South Korea*. New York: Macmillan, 1988.
- Storey, Robert. *Korea*. Oakland, CA: Lonely Planet, 1997.

Web Site:

<http://www.factmonster.com>

Videos:

Washington, D.C. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society Educational Video Presentations. 20 minutes.

Washington, D.C. Chicago, IL: Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation. 23 minutes.

Video Visits Washington, D.C.A Capital Adventure. London, England: International Video Network. 50 minutes.

ENRICHMENT:

Using the information from the A Capital Comparison handout, assign the students to construct Venn Diagrams to compare and contrast the two cities. Students can also use resources to compile a list of Famous Natives of each city.

Handout

A CAPITAL COMPARISON

Seoul, South Korea

Procedure 1: Use reference resources to complete the information on Seoul.

Location: _____

Land Area: _____

Average Daily Temperature: _____

Per Capita Personal Income: _____

Population: _____

Purpose (features of the city): _____

Government: _____

River: _____

Airport: _____

Procedure 2: Write a brief description of two places of interest. Illustrate your description with a drawing or a photo.

Places of Interest:

- Royal Palaces: Kyongbok, Toksu, Ch'angdok, Ch'anggyong
- Blue House (home of the president)
- Chongmyo (royal shrine)
- Anglican Cathedral
- Inwangsan
- War Memorial
- Namsan Park
- Seoul Tower in Namsan Park
- National Folk Museum
- Suk Ju-son Memorial Museum of Folk Art
- Royal Museum
- Markets (places to shop): Namdaemun, Tongdaemun, It'aewon, Insadong, Lotte World

Procedure 3: Use an outline map of Seoul to locate the Places of Interest.

Washington, D. C.

Procedure 1: Use reference resources to complete the information on Washington, D.C.

Location: _____

Land Area: _____

Average Daily Temperature: _____

Per Capita Personal Income: _____

Population: _____

Purpose (features of the city): _____

Government: _____

River: _____

Airport: _____

Procedure 2: Write a brief description of two places of interest. Illustrate your description with a drawing or a photo.

Places of Interest:

- United States Capitol with dome
- Supreme Court
- Library of Congress
- White House (home of the president)
- National Archives
- Washington Cathedral
- Arlington National Cemetery (tomb of unknown soldiers in World Wars I and II; Korean War)
- Korean War Memorial
- Marine Corps War Memorial
- Vietnam War Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Washington Monument
- Jefferson Memorial
- Smithsonian Institution
- National Zoological Park

Procedure 3: Use an outline map of Washington, D.C., to locate the Places of Interest.

Appendix TEACHER INFORMATION

Seoul, South Korea

Location: 37N 127E

Land Area: 605.52 sq. km

Average Daily Temperature: 24F in January
76F in July

Per Capita Personal Income: \$11,270

Population: 10.8 million

Purpose: Political, economic, cultural, educational hub of South Korea

Government: Republic/Democracy

River: Han

Airport: Incheon and Kimp'o

Places of Interest:

- Royal Palaces: Kyongbok, Toksu, Ch'angdok, Ch'anggyong
- Blue House (home of the president)
- Chongmyo (royal shrine)
- Anglican Cathedral
- Inwangsan
- War Memorial
- Namsan Park
- Seoul Tower in Namsan Park
- National Folk Museum
- Suk Ju-son Memorial Museum of Folk Art
- Royal Museum
- Markets (places to shop): Namdaemun, Tongdaemun, It'aewon, Insadong, Lotte World

Washington, D.C.

Location: 38N 77W

Land Area: 68.25 sq. mi. (177 sq.km)

Average Daily Temperature: 35.2 F in January
78.9F in July

Per Capita Personal Income: \$28,817

Population: 674,000 (3 million in surrounding Maryland and Virginia)

Purpose: Center of national government; international city

Government: Republic/Democracy

River: Potomac

Airport: Dulles

Places of Interest:

- United States Capitol with dome
- Supreme Court
- Library of Congress

- White House (home of the president)
- National Archives
- Washington Cathedral
- Arlington National Cemetery (tomb of unknown soldiers in World Wars I and II; Korean War)
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