

FRONT PAGE NEWS: KOREA

GRADES: Five through nine

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SUBJECTS: Geography and Social Studies

TIME REQUIRED: Two class periods

OBJECTIVES:

- Students will be given a specific research topic pertaining to Korea and use current Korean newspapers to research events.
- Students will create the front page of a newspaper communicating the current events of Korea on their assigned topic.

BACKGROUND:

Students will read and gain an understanding of current events in Korea by using the Internet to access Korean newspapers. Students will use this information to create their own newspaper front page.

MATERIALS:

- Computers
- Websites of Korean newspapers
- Template for newspaper
- Specific topics

PROCEDURE:

1. Students will be grouped in pairs. Groups will be determined by the teacher according to ability.
2. Each student will spend 20-30 minutes looking at Korean newspapers online and reading stories of interest.
3. After each student has had a chance to browse the Korean newspapers, s/he will meet with their partner and decide which story to cover for their front page.
4. Students then begin writing, in their own words, what the news article is about.
5. Groups should also be thinking of a name for their newspaper.
6. Groups are then given a specific topic to research pertaining to Korea (ideas provided below).
7. Students should then research their topic and decide what they would like to include on their front page about this specific topic.
8. Groups will then give oral presentations to the class.

EVALUATION:

Grades should be based on a rubric created and shared with the students before they begin.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

Websites of Korean Newspapers:

Korean Times: www.koreatimes.co.kr/

The Korea Herald: www.koreaherald.co.kr/

Topic Ideas:

- Traditional Korean dress (*hanbok*)
- Demilitarized Zone
- Han'gul
- Traditional Korean Dance
- Religion in Korea
- Hyundai
- Queen Min
- Samsung
- Printing Press
- Unification of Korea
- Kim Jong Il
- King Sejong
- Schools in Korea
- Korean Women Poets
- North Korean Defectors
- Korea's East Sea
- Korean Festival: *Ch'usok*
- *So!*: Lunar New Year's Day
- Buddhist Monks or Nuns
- Seoul
- Taekwondo [[T'aekwondo](#)]
- P'yongyang