

Read Around the World Unit: South Korea

by Teach Beside Me.

All Rights Reserved. Do not share, re-sell, or host online elsewhere.
©Copyright 2018

Clipart Credits:



Read Around the World: South Korea



This unit will focus on books about Korea. Find a few of these books online or at your library. Along with the books are recipes, craft ideas, video links about culture, questions about Korea to answer, a Korean flag to color and a coloring page. These units are meant to be done once each week in a home or school setting for elementary level kids.

Korea Books:

Picture Books about Korea

All About Korea: Stories, Songs Crafts and More by Ann Martin Bowler (ages 5-10)
My First Book of Korean Words by Kyubyong Park (ages 3-8)
Bee-Bim Bop! by Linda Sue Park (ages 4-7)
Korean Children's Favorite Stories by Kim So-Un (ages 5-14)
The Green Frogs by Yumi Heo (ages 4-7)
The Korean Cinderella by Shirley Climo (ages 4-8)
Dear Juno by Soyung Pak (ages 3-7)
The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi (ages 3-7)
Jacob and Katie in South Korea by Carmen R. Nelson
If You Were With Me and Lived in South Korea by Carole P. Roman (ages 7-9)
Living In . . . South Korea by Chloe Perkins (ages 5-7)
Kids Travel Journal: My Trip to South Korea by Bluebird Books
History of Korea for Kids by Baby Professor
Good Fortune in a Wrapping Cloth by Joan Schoettler (ages 5-8)
Where's Halmoni? by Julie Kim (ages 5-9)
No Kimchi for Me! by Aram Kim (ages 3-7)

Chapter Books about Korea

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park (ages 10-12)
SeeSaw Girl by Linda Sue Park (ages 7-10)
Projet Mulberry by Linda Sue Park (ages 10-12)
When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park (ages 10-12)
The Kite Fighters by Linda Sue Park (ages 7-10)
The Year of Impossible Goodbyes by Sook Nyul Choi (ages 8-12)
So Far From the Bamboo Grove by Yoko Kawashima Watkins (ages 8-12)
Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream by Jenny Han (ages 7-10)
Never Trust a Tiger by Lari Dan (ages 7-9)
The Long Season of Rain by Helen S. Kim (grades 7-9)
A Dream of Lights by Kerry Drewery (ages 12+)
Sondok: Princess of the Moon and Stars by Sheri Holman (ages 9-12)
A Step From Heaven by An Na (ages 12+)
Gilded by Christina Farley (young adult)

Korean Culture

Listen to the **South Korean National Anthem** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CceXXXubvdE>).

A few interesting facts about South Korea:

1. In Korea, babies are considered one year old at birth.
2. The crane bird is a symbol of good fortune in South Korea. Red-crowned cranes grow as tall as five feet.
3. Seoul, the capital, is home to more than 25 million people, making it the 3rd largest city in the world.
4. Koreans love Kimchi a fermented vegetable dish typically made from cabbage. IT is considered their national dish. The say kimchi (instead of cheese) when taking photos!
5. The number 4 is considered bad luck and is often skipped when numbering the floors in hospitals and apartment buildings.
6. If a Korean writes the name of a person in red it means the person is about to die or that they want them to die.
7. Koreans traditionally wear red to their weddings.
8. South Koreans love to fly kites. On the last day of the new moon during the Lunar New Year, people traditionally let go of their kites hoping their bad luck will float away with them.
9. Christmas is an official holiday in South Korea. Nearly 1/3 of South Koreans are Christian. But Santa Claus wears a blue suit and is also known as Santa Kuloso (Grandfather Santa).
10. Most restaurants (including McDonald's) deliver food to your door and return later to pick up the trash. You just leave it outside your door.

Listen to a traditional **Korean Folk Song** (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkM_LXUCMeA)

Watch a food tour of **South Korean Food** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1UBF5kjN8U>

Check out this video: **South Korea Family Travel Guide** to learn even more about the country! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgRdGmrdT00>)

Learn About **Traditional Korean Art**: <http://www.korea.net/AboutKorea/Culture-and-the-Arts/Traditional-Arts>

Make a Korean Recipe

Korean Glass Noodle Stir Fry (Japchae)

Ingredients:

1 8 oz package of Korean glass noodles
2 shredded or diced carrots
4 oz spinach
1/2 red bell pepper, sliced
1 onion, sliced
4 ounces shiitake mushrooms, sliced
1 Tbsp sesame Seeds
Add meat of your choice (beef or chicken)

Sauce:

5 Tbsp soy sauce
1 Tbsp honey
1 Tbsp brown sugar
1 Tbsp sesame oil
1/8 tsp ground black pepper
1/2 tsp garlic powder or fresh minced garlic
1 Tbsp rice wine vinegar

Directions:

Sauté the vegetables (except the spinach) in a pan with a small amount of oil or water. Boil water and cook the noodles, You will want to break them smaller to make them easier to eat. Drain once cooked.

Mix the sauce and add half of it to the vegetables after mostly cooked. Once the vegetables are tender-crisp, add in the noodles and the remaining sauce. Stir in the spinach and top with sesame seeds.

Traditional Korean Game: Yut-Nori

Use buttons or other items for game pieces. Each player gets 4 tokens to move around the game board and back to the starting point. Start at the star.

Decorate four craft sticks on one side only with markers or paint.

How to Play:

On their turn, the player throws the four sticks up in the air. The player then moves a game piece according to how the sticks land.

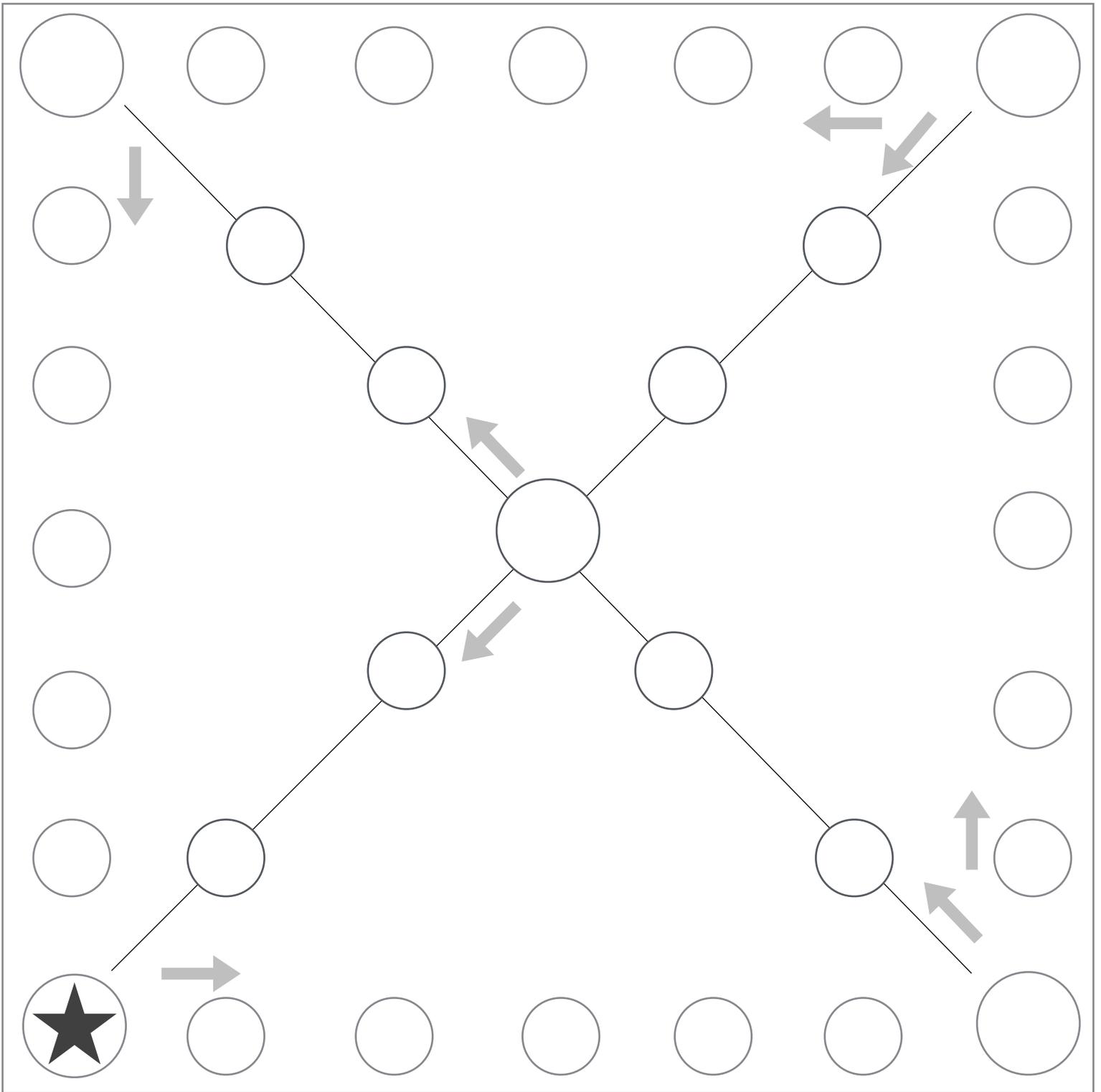
- If all four sticks land with the decorated side down, the player moves four spaces.
- If three sticks land with decorations down, the player moves three spaces.
- If two sticks land with the decorated sides down, move two spaces.
- If they land with only one decorated side down, the player moves one space.
- If all the sticks land decorated side up, the player moves five spaces.

If a player lands on a space where another player's game piece is, the other player must move their piece back to the starting space.

If a player lands on a corner space, they get to take a short cut.

The first player to move all four pieces all the way around the board is the winner!

Yut-Nori



All About South Korea!

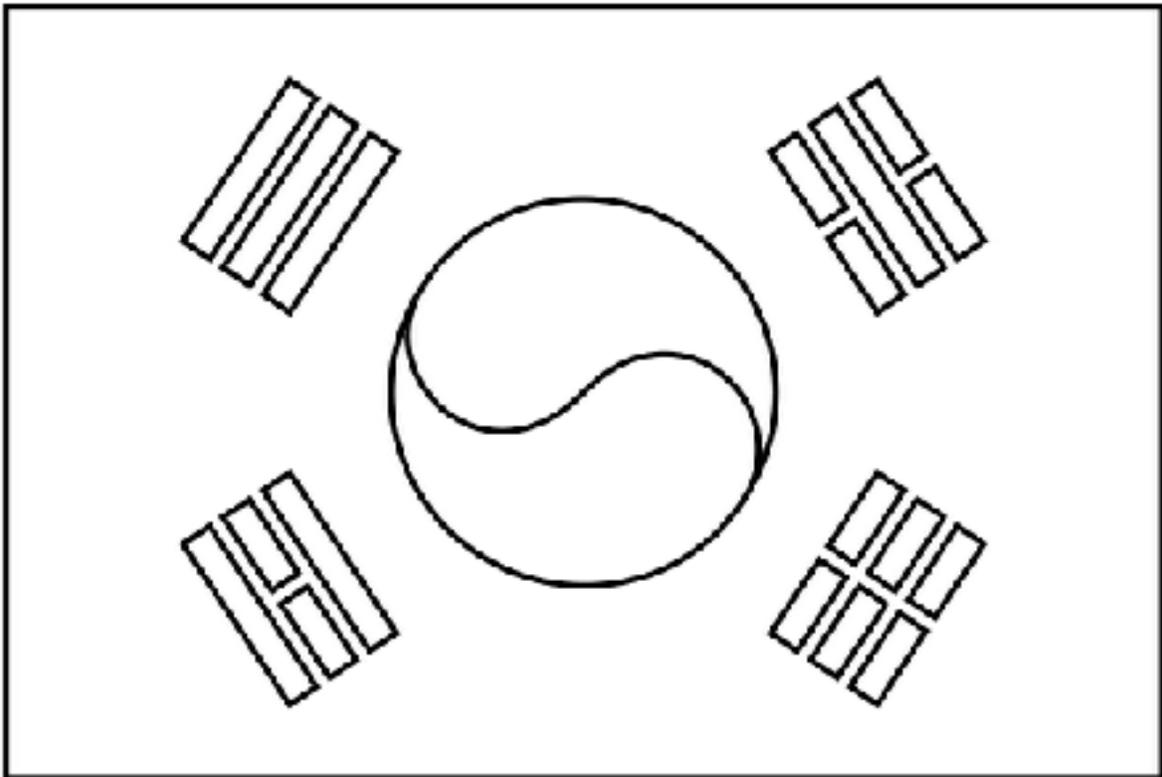
The book(s) I chose to read: _____

What interesting things did I learn about Korea? _____

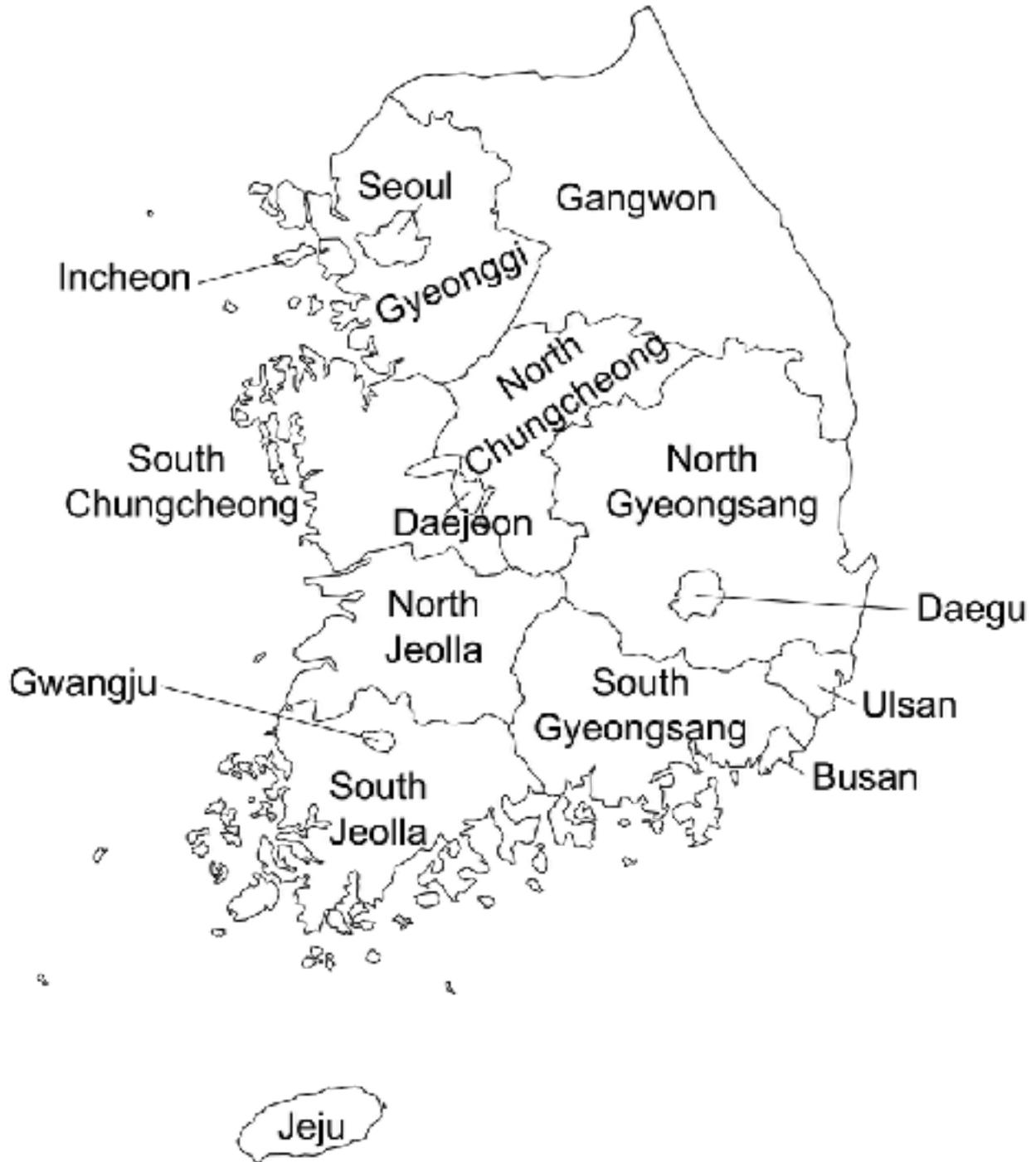
What is a famous landmark in Korea? _____

What language (s) do they speak in Korea? _____

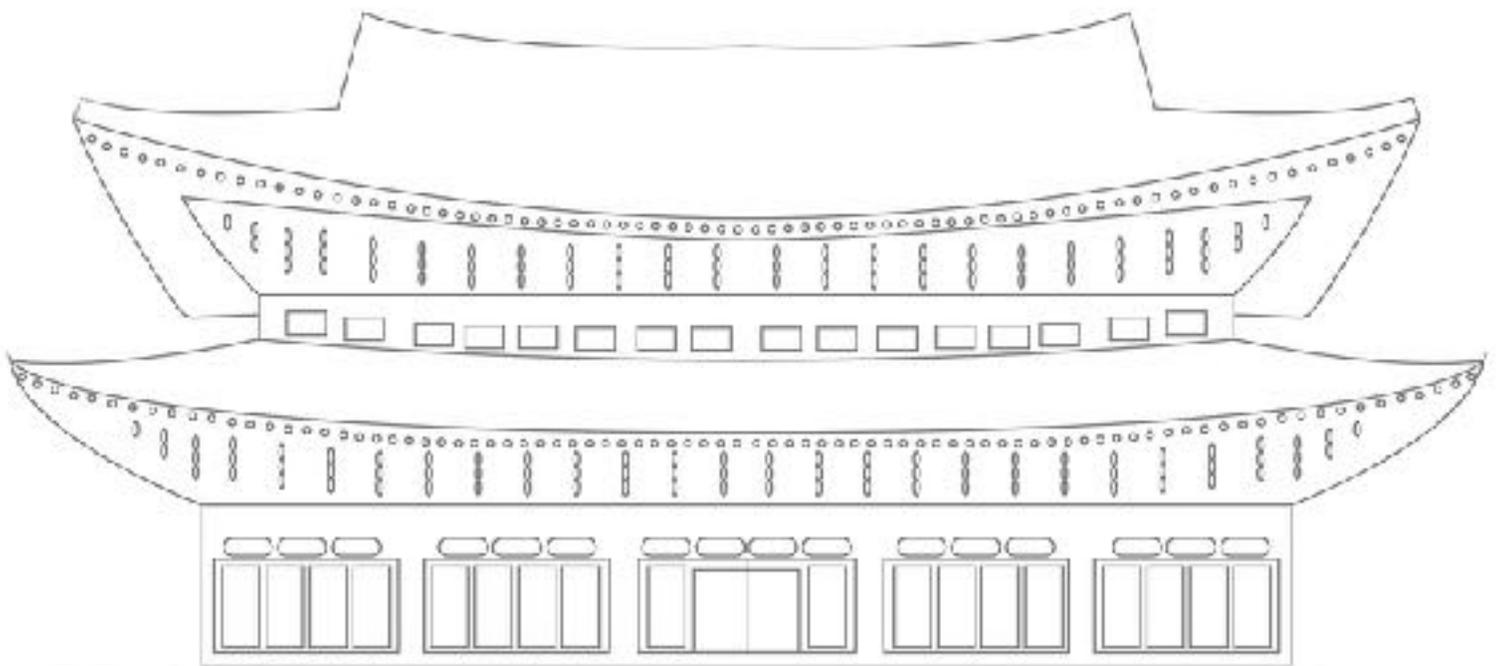
Color the South Korean Flag.



South Korea



Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul



Passport Stamp



Printable Passport is available for free in the subscriber library to be used with all of the Read Around the World units.