

Korea Facts

- Though Korea is divided into South Korea and North Korea, in the mind of most of its citizens, Korea is one nation that cannot be divided.
- In 1950, the Communists from the north of Korea invaded the south. This became known as the Korean War, which continued until 1953. Soldiers from Korea, America, and China fought in this war.
- The capital of South Korea is Seoul. Seoul hosted the 1988 Summer Olympic Games.
- The capital of North Korea is Pyongyang.
- South Korea has a population of over 50 million people.
- Taekwondo originated in Korea, and many Korean children learn it as a routine part of their education.

- Koreans eat rice every day and usually eat it as a part of every meal.

- Four is considered an unlucky number in Korea.

- The president of South Korea lives in a home called "The Blue House."

- The Korean peninsula, including North and South Korea, is approximately 600 miles long.

- Koreans have won more medals in the Winter Olympics than any other Asian country.

- In 2005, just under half of all South Koreans claimed to have no religious beliefs. The remainder are divided between those who claim to be Christians and those who claim to be Buddhists.

