

World View-\_\_\_\_\_

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## History

The Japanese controlled ALL Korea from 1910-1945

Imperialism -Japan used Korea for its resources

Japan's rule ended with WWII

## After Japan's defeat:

Japan's rule ended with WWII

Korea was divided at the 38 parallel

Soviet Union controlled the North

The United States controlled the South

## Korean War

Korean War 1950-1953

1950 the North invaded the South

America and the United Nations (Canada) became involved

## The Girl With Seven Names

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Born in North Korea in 1980

Went to China in 1997 and was not able to return home.

North Korea has a caste system-called songbun

### 1. Loyal Class

-only ones allowed to live in the Capital (Pyongyang)

-Freedom to choose a career

-10-15 percent, cannot mess up

## 2. Hostile Class

- 40 percent of the population
- assigned manual labour: Farms and mining
- learned not to dream

## 3. Wavering Class

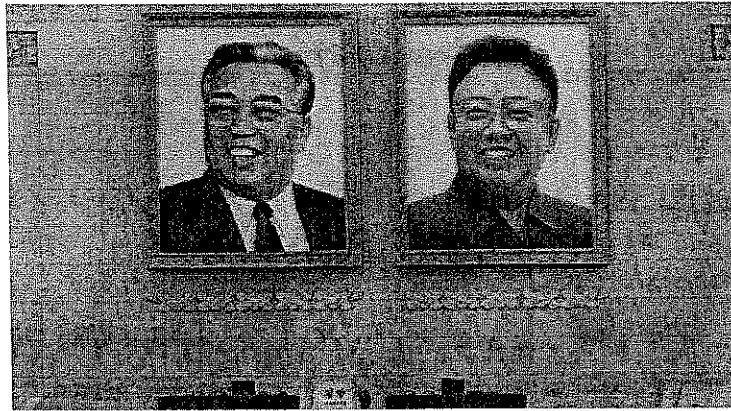
- might become minor officials, teachers, and lower military ranks

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### Eyes on the Wall (pg. 17)

Two portraits hung on the wall:

- Great Leader Kim Il-sung (Founder)
- Kim Jong-il (heir)



- Every house must display the portraits
- Used a special cloth provided by the government to clean them.
- Not allowed to point at the leaders pictures
- Once a month there would be an inspection -the family would be punished

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Kindergarten (Pg 21)

Indoctrination: The process of teaching a person or group to accept a set of beliefs uncritically.

Walls were Painted with colourful scenes:

Children doing gymnastics

Children in uniform

A North Korean Soldier impaling a Yankee, a Japanese soldier, and a South Korean Soldier with his rifle bayonet.

Kim Jong-Il-

Born February 16—Day of the Bright Star

Encouraged to draw the wooden cabin of his birth

Kim Il-sung

April 15—Day of the Sun

April 15 and February 16 were national holidays.

Included gifts and excitement

Just like Santa Clause

Indoctrination

In school children were taught:

South Korean children dressed in rags

Scavenged for food

Teachers showed drawings of South Korean children begging and barefoot in the winter

## In school children were taught:

South Korean children suffered at the cruelty of American Soldiers who:

- Used them for target practice
- Ran over them with jeeps
- Made them polish their boots

## Teachers:

- Teachers were nice
- Students were treated well
- No corporal punishment

The Bowibu= Secret Police

- Didn't watch from street corners or listen through walls
- They relied citizens.
  - Neighbors spy on neighbors
  - Kids would tell on other kids
  - workers watched co-workers

Why? Informers would receive extra food rations.

## Disloyalty

- ▶ Bowibu were not interested in real crimes, only political disloyalty.
- ▶ Could make an entire family disappear -grandparents, parents, and children

➤ No actual trials

- Charges were read and victims executed
- Body taken to a garbage pit
- Without a grave for people to honor, their Spirits would haunt the living

Life Purification

➤ Everyone took turns to accuse someone or confess something

- Adults did this at work with colleagues
- Work related or personal failing

➤ During elementary school

- Held every Saturday
- Involved the entire class of 40 students
- Everyone took turns to accuse someone or confess something
- If students were criticized unexpectedly, they took lethal revenge.
- One boy reported a classmate for having new things
- His older brother had been sending money from South Korea
- All three generations were arrested as traitors

Young Pioneer Corps

- Communist Youth Movement
- Joining was compulsory between ages 9 and 14
- Entrance test on the Pioneer's right and Duties

- Entrance \_\_\_\_\_
- held at Schools and public places
  - Received a red Cotton scarf and pin
  - The scarf was the symbol of a grown up

Famine: Extreme scarcity of food

➤ Communism Collapsed

- Russia stopped sending food and supplies
- Basic food from the Public Distribution System was dwindling and irregular
- 1992 Campaign—"Let us eat two meals a day"

Socialist Youth League

- Undergo military training
- Had to wear army fatigues
- Practice shooting with live ammunition

Bowibu- Secret Police

- An uncle was sent to a prison camp without a trial
- Why? He had become disenchanted with North Korean politics

➤ Two types of prison camps

- 1) Re-education through labour
- If people survived they would be released and monitored
- 2) worked to death