North and South Korea Notes

۱n't	No Mountain High Enough (Geography of the Koreas)
•	Both countries lie on the Korean
•	North Korea: Mountains and Valleys; Rivers – Yalu and Tumen
•	South Korea: Rugged Mountains, coastal plains, and river valleys; Rivers – Han, Kum, and Naktong
•	Climate – (meaning cool, dry winters and hot, humid summers)
Breal	king Up is Hard to Do (A Divided Korea)
•	Throughout its early history, Korea was controlled by other countries/empires, including, th
	and
•	Japanese control lasted from the early 1900s to the end of
•	After WWII, Korea was divided –
	o Communist troops occupied North Korea
	o Democratic troops occupied South Korea
	 Division line =
Vill \	You Still Love Me Tomorrow? (The Korean War)
•	In 1950, wanted to reunite Korea under Communist rule,
	North Korean armies attacked South Korea
•	Countries of the United Nations (including the) rushed in to defend
	and stop the spread of as part of the Cold Wa
•	The conflict ended in; both sides agreed to stop fighting, but neither side could
	declare
Wal	lk the Line (The Demilitarized Zone)
•	After the war ended, North and South Korea remained
•	They were separated by a demilitarized zone, where both
	sides agreed not to place any
Put	a Spell on You – and Now You're Mine! (North Korea's Government)
•	Government Type:
•	Official Name is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
•	1st Leader – Kim II-Song (""), followed by his son Kim Jung-II
•	In December 2011, Kim Jong-Il died, handing over power to his son
•	The controls all areas of North Korean life
	o Few
	 Travel in and out of the country is

Take t	he Money and Run (North Korea's Economy)				
•	North Korea is economically				
•	Industry suffers from old and power				
A large portion of the nation's resources are devoted to the					
•	The Soviet Union was NK's biggest trading partner. Now foreign trade is limited. Somewhat allies with				
Leade	r of the Pack (South Korea's Government)				
•	Government Type:				
Official Name: Republic of Korea					
•	Former President Park Geun-hye (first female president, elected in 2012) was impeached and				
	from office in March 2017. The country is having an election in May to vote in a new president.				
•	Voting age =				
•	Government guarantees freedom of the				
Worki	ing Hard for the Money (South Korea's Economy)				
•	After the Korean War, the government introduced to improve the nation's				
	economy, including:				
	 Land reforms that divided large estates into smaller family farms 				
	 Borrowing money from foreign banks to create industries that produced textiles, iron and steel, cars, ships, and electronics 				
•	Agriculture Products - rice, roots, barley, vegetables, fruit; cattle, pigs, chickens, milk, eggs, fish				
•	Major Industries Today - electronics, telecommunications, automobile production, chemicals, shipbuilding, steel				
Gangn	nam Style (Korean Culture)				
•	Strongly influenced by				
•	and and are both major religions in the Koreas				
•	Typically live with large families				
•	South Korea is at the leading edge of the revolution				
	 South Korea has one of the world's biggest communities, second only to China. 				
	o is a popular medium for political debate and campaigning. Use of the				
	platform is twice the world average				

I Got 99 Problems and My Neighbor's One (Challenges for North and South Korea)

	North Korea	South Korea		
0	from other	o Government in		
	countries	(corruption, scandal)		
0	Lack of to take	 Relationship with North Korea 		
	advantage of vast resources			
0	Relationship with South Korea			
0	Nuclear Program			

Heard it Through	the Grapevine/W	'hy Can't We l	be Friends? (No	rth Korea's Nuc	:lear Program)
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•	October 2006 – North Korea announced successful of nuclear weapons, sparking the international				
	community to use intense diplomatic methods to attempt to rein in NK's nuclear ambitions				
February 2007 – North Korea agreed to shut down main nuclear reactor in exchange for					
	They then accused negotiating countries (US, Russia, South Korea, China, and Japan) of failing to hold up their end of				
the deal and tensions have been increasing ever since.					
•	November 2012 – North Korea announced plans for another nuclear test focusing on long-range missiles and				
	suggested the US would be a possible They carried out this test in February 2013.				
•	January 6, 2016 after reports of a magnitude 5.1 earthquake, Kim Jung Un released statements explaining they				
	successfully tested a bomb. Many did not believe the claim.				
•	January 2017 – Kim Jung Un announced that North Korea was in the final stages of developing				

- missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads.
- February and March 2017 North Korea fired 5 ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan.