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## A Person I Most Admire :

### Abraham Lincoln

By KyungSuh

Who do you admire the most? The history of United States is short, but there are many people who make great worthy works over the world. Abraham Lincoln is the most respectable President among them. The reasons that I admire Lincoln the most are his distinguished works, his personality, and his faith in God

First, his works have been noted in history for a long time. He became a President of the United States and freed the slaves. Also, he saved his country from the Civil War in which the North and the South were separated.

Second, his personality was very respectable. He didn't judge others, but he had broad-mindedness that forgave his enemies. He was humble, meek, faithful, and honest. He was also a person that never gave up.

Third, he was a real Christian. He was a person who always prayed to God. Also, he read the Bible and did just as the Bible taught.

As has been demonstrated above, Lincoln was an admirable person no matter how you look at it. He was the person that I admire the most.



## When Should I Get Married???????

By: Chanhee

Good to see you guys. Probably, you guys know I was absent from the last newspaper, if you are interested in me. Anyway, I think we should be more funny and exciting than we were in our native country. So, I'm going to tell you an interesting formula about marriage that I found on the internet. The formula was made by Duo, Sunwoo, and Piory, three match-making companies. Anyhow, to let you guys know what the formula is and how that works. The formula's name is "When is a good age to get married". So how do we know that? Let's follow these rules. You have to attend these rules and get ready with a pencil and some paper. Ok, are you guys ready?

First, how old were you when you were first in love? (include unrequited love too). Second, think about how many children you would like to have when you are married? (then, add that number to the first number. If your first answer was 9, add that to the second answer. Ex)  $9+3=12$ , if you have a number over ten, just add the two digits of your answer like this: Ex)  $9+3=12$ ,  $12=1+2=3$ .) Now, multiply your answer by 3. If your answer is above 10, add the two digits like before. Next, multiply your answer by 6. (Remember to add the 2 digits of your answer if it is above 10). Fifth, add 21 to your answer. Finally, subtract the number of people you have kissed from your answer. For example, 29 (your number) - 5 people kissed = 24 (notice- not for how many times did you kiss someone, just how many people.) The last number is your good age to get married. Actually, that might be wrong. But I hope you are smiling when you are reading this paragraph while you think about your memories. You know what? My answer age is 23. What's yours?



## Now Start Swimming

By: Haekweon

If you are interested in swimming and you want to learn swimming, you immediately can start swimming. A good way to start is to go to the swimming pool and register a lesson class. Don't push yourself too much to begin with. It's normal to feel puffed out after a couple of laps. It's also normal to be less than graceful and zigzag all over the lane until you find your rhythm. Therefore, never give up to do swimming. The longer you swim, the more your endurance and your swimming ability will improve. In my case, I began it at November 1997 and learned very hard. But after 3 months, at January 1998, I gave up it because of difficulty. My swimming skills were a low level and a beginner. But I started it again after 1 month, at March 1998. And then I learned more than 6 months. Nowadays I usually go to swim in the pool. I want to enjoy swimming what is good for me. The types of swimming strokes consist of 4 types. They are freestyle, that is used commonly, breaststroke, that frog kicking alternates with a movement of the arms, backstroke, that alternate over-the-head arm strokes and a flutter kick in a supine position, butterfly, that the most difficult and exhausting stroke that dolphins kick with a windmill-like movement of both arms. The swimming is one of the best health workouts. Someone walks, someone runs, but the best exercise of all, is swimming, which provides the same results as walking and running, without adding stress to knees, ankles, legs and the back. A major benefit of swimming strengthens the heart and helps decrease problems associated with diabetes, high blood pressure. Therefore, swimming is an excellent exercise. I really hope that you immediately begin it and enjoy it. I'm quite willing to help you if you want to learn. Of course, it is free.



## Arabic Coffee

By: Aws

Sami

People in the Middle East started to drink coffee thousands of years ago. Some historians claim that coffee originated in the Arabian Peninsula, stating that coffee was cultivated in Yamen from 575 AD. Drinking coffee is very important on all occasions, whether it is happy or sad. Arabic coffee is prepared in a special way and has a special taste. Nowadays; coffee remains the most popular drink in Middle East.

I started drinking coffee two years ago when I was working as a security person in the mall. My job required me to be awake and cautious all night. Some friends advised me to drink coffee to stay awake. Since that day I have drank black coffee almost every day. So coffee has become like a habit for me. I have enjoyed drinking coffee for a long time and I will never stop drinking it.



## Koreans' Inclinations

By: Tyler

First of all, Korean people prefer fast things to slow things. There could be many reasons, but the most important reason is the five turbulent decades that Korea underwent after the Korean War. The Korean War broke out about 60 years ago. South Korea was entirely devastated after the severe war. Meanwhile, other countries developed their industry very quickly. The Koreans had no time. We had to run to catch up with them. We conducted the New Village movement on a grand scale, which encouraged the citizens to reconstruct devastated cities. Surprisingly, we managed to achieve our goal of a GNP of \$ 10, 000, but our lifestyle which prefers fast things is so entrenched in Korean people's mind that it still exists to this day. For example, most Korean people usually do not read instructions when they try to use a new electronic product they just bought. They want to use it right away. They immediately throw the instructions away with the box and try to figure out how to use this stuff using their own sense.

In addition, Koreans have a little different manner toward elderly people. When we meet a Korean person we do not know, at first, we ask about his or her name, and then usually ask about his or her age. If the person is older than us, we treat the person with respect. For instance, when a Korean person shakes hands with an older Korean person, the younger person often bows and shakes hands at the same time even if the younger person is of a higher status than the older person. Even the president of South Korea is no exception to this custom. This is just common sense in my country. Another example, when parents scold their children for something they have done wrong, they bow their head and listen to what their parents are saying carefully without eye contact. It means that they recognize their fault. In contrast, in the West, children look their parents straight in the eyes while being scolded.

## The Most Fabulous Vacation

By: Susan

My most fabulous vacation was the trip to the Caribbean island, when I was in the United States two years ago. It was a good opportunity to go there and enjoy the extensive ocean. I was there for seven days, It was an incredible trip, which I have never forgotten.

This was my first time to see a huge and luxurious ocean liner. It is difficult and implausible to think about how to build this giant ship, so it can sail on the ocean. Inside of the ship, I found there were a lot of public areas, which can provided people with opportunities for dancing, singing, gambling, watching movies and watching operas. All the lighting and other equipment were colorful and magnificent. You never realize that you are on a boat. However, my room was not as big as a regular room, but it included everything I needed. It was lovely, warm and fragrant. It made me want to get out and enjoy everything.

You could eat food anytime. They provided the passengers with different kinds of food. The food was delicious, colorful and palatable. They provided Eastern and Western food. During dinnertime, you had a lot of choices for your appetizer, entrée and dessert. You could choose all of them, if you wanted to. The meals looked exquisite, delectable, and tasty. On one special night, an ice sculptor buffet was served midnight. It was interesting and fun when you were eating and seeing ice sculptors at the same time. After that, you could join in dancing. Everyone looked very happy and like they were enjoying themselves.

The weather was nice, warm, and delightful. The sky was clean and the clouds looked like cotton, which was very soft, tender, and delicate. Although it was a little bit hot, I enjoyed the sunshine. Due to the hot weather, the ocean appeared clear blue; it seemed to connect to the sky. It made me feel like I was in the heaven. Nobody could disturb me.

It was the most beautiful, indescribable, and amazing trop. The weather was wonderful and the food was dainty and the passengers and staff were so friendly and genial. I had the most astonishing and superb trip of my life.



## A Bad Dream By: Han Jun

I had a dream about 5 months ago. It was about my girl friend. It took place in Seoul, Korea. It was on a busy street. I saw my girlfriend smiling in front of me, but I felt both happy and sad. I didn't know how I felt. I thought she was gone! I had forgotten her face, but I started to remember her face again. Why? Why? I loved her until we separated.

Oh my gosh! Maybe I often miss her. I thought why do you smile when you see me? Her smile was painful to my heart. It was bad thing.

She went to go in front of me. She took my hand. She ran on the street with me. I didn't want to go with her, but she was very strong in my dream. We arrived at the subway station. She kept smiling and took my hand again. She said "Do you remember when we were here?" I said "Yes, I do." I remember we have been separated for one year. She said, "Don't forget about me."

She was crying in front of me. When I watched, she left me. She said, "Good bye my~~~"

I got up early in the morning. I thought I had found my girl friend, but we were still in different countries, I will feel so much sadness....



## Chuseok By: Amy Park

If Thanksgiving day is the biggest fall festival in the U.S., a similar big festival is upcoming in Korea now. The great festival's name is 'Chuseok', Korean thanksgiving day (the Harvest Moon Day). The date of Chuseok is September 25<sup>th</sup> this year, but the date changes each year. Because Chuseok is held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month. So it falls sometimes in September or October.

Although I'm not in Korea now, I will have the traditional ceremony of Chuseok at my Uncle Doosik's house. Now you will be wondering, what are the traditional ceremonies for this holiday.

On this September 25<sup>th</sup>, the moon will be full. Typically we wear traditional clothes. This clothing is called "Han - Bok". On Chuseok we thank our ancestors for this year's blessings. It means that the family pays respect to their ancestors by visiting their tombs and offering them rice and fruits.

Also, during Chuseok our whole family comes together to celebrate the holiday. There is always a lot of traditional food that my mother prepares. For example, Songpyun!( it's a kind of rice cake, and if you have one bite to eat you will be very happy with the taste.) Along with Songpyun there are a lot of other traditional foods that are made by my mother's effort and skills. After the blessing, we play games and sing songs. At night, we can see a full moon in the sky and we make a wish on the full moon.







