

Origins of Korean People

Members of the Altaic Language Group, emigrated from near Lake Baikal

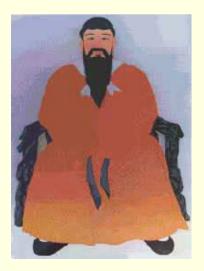


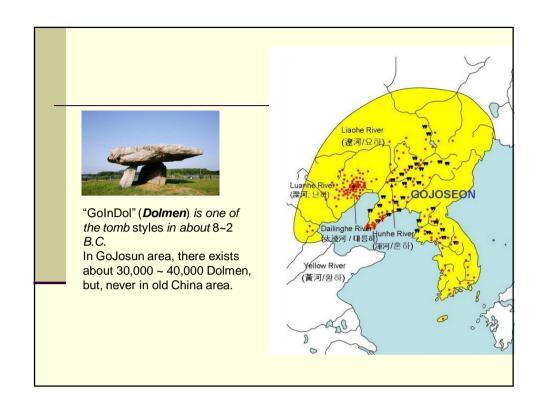
King Chi Wu "Red Devil" of the Baidal kingdom (3,000 B.C.)

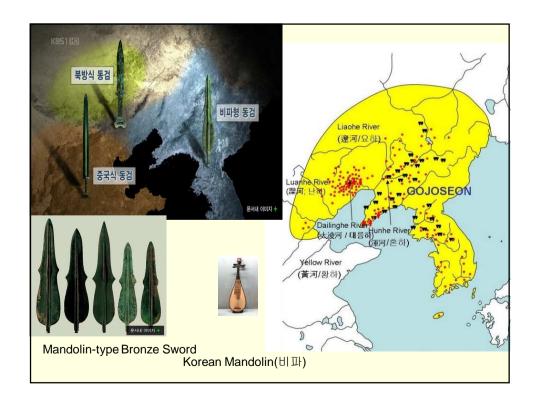


Go-Josun Dynasty 고조선

Dan-gun and the mythological origins of the Korean people (BC2333~)



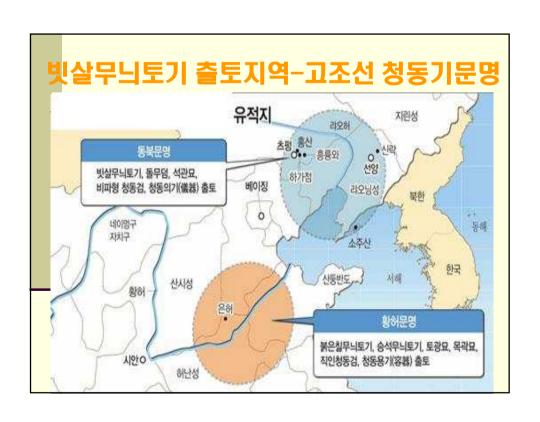


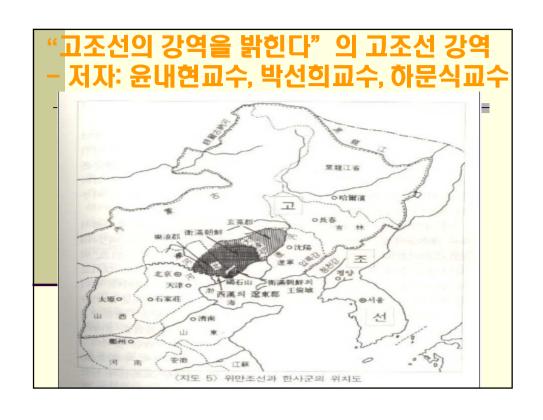






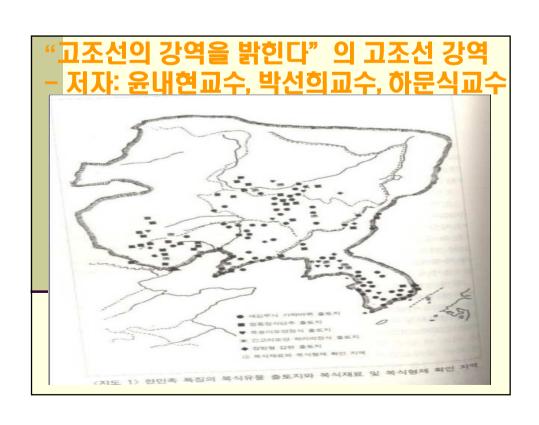




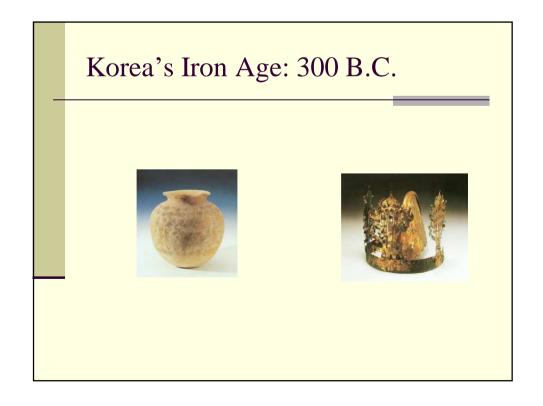








Korea's Bronze Age: 10th century B.C. Bronze mirror and bronze rattle

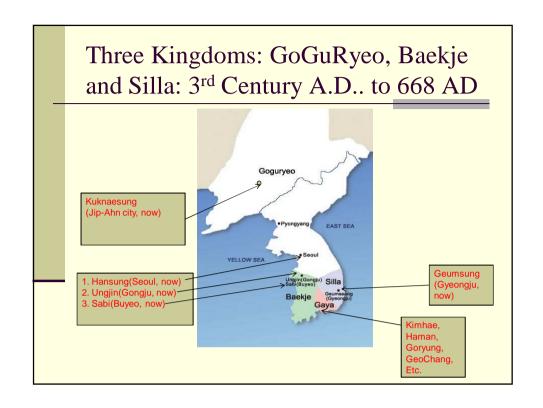


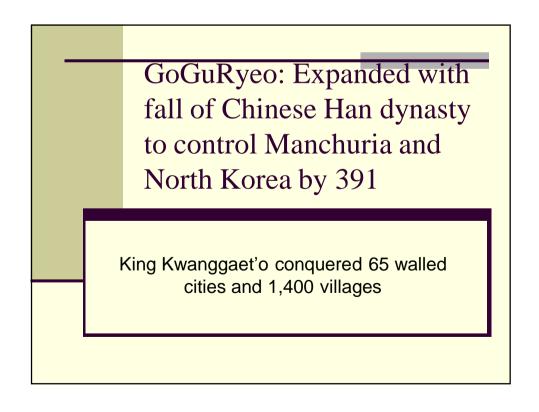
Proto Three Kingdoms Period

■ Jar coffins



Three Kingdoms: Goguryeo(고구려)-Baekje(백제)-Silla(신라)





Ancient capital of Goguryeo (Jip-ahn)



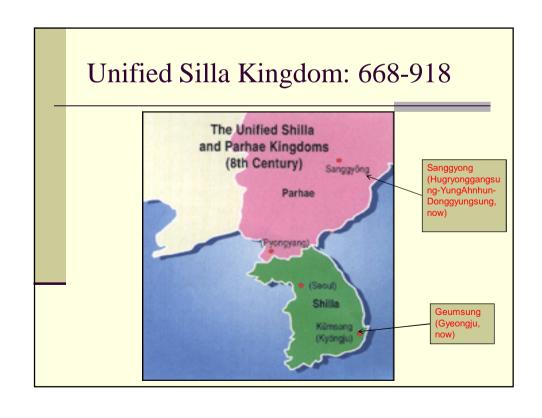
Baekje: Tribes in Southwest begin to unite around 3rd century A.D.

- Threat by Chinese Wei dynasty caused tribes to unite
- Baekje depended upon alliances with Yamato (Japan) and Gaya to retain independence
- Buddhism became important



Silla: Unification begun in 57 BC but first ruler was King Naemul (356AD)

- Grew in Korea's Southeast, separated form Baekje (and Chinese influence) by mountains
- Engaged in military struggles with Baekje and Gaya, absorbing Gaya in the 6th century
- Characterized by strong, independent women, including Queen Sondok (632-647)
- Scientific advances, especially in astronomy



Gyungju: Capital of Unified Silla

Today an open air museum, one of Korean's World Heritage sites.



Kim Yu-shin's tomb: one of Silla's unifiers

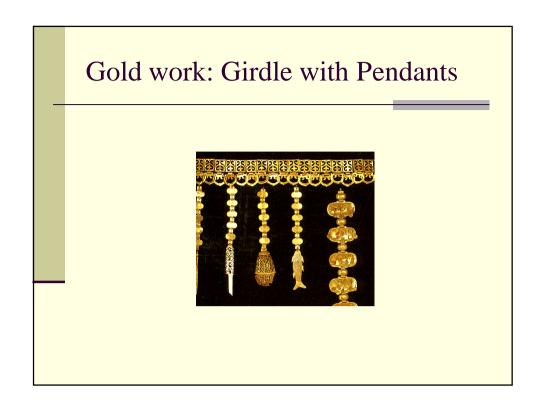


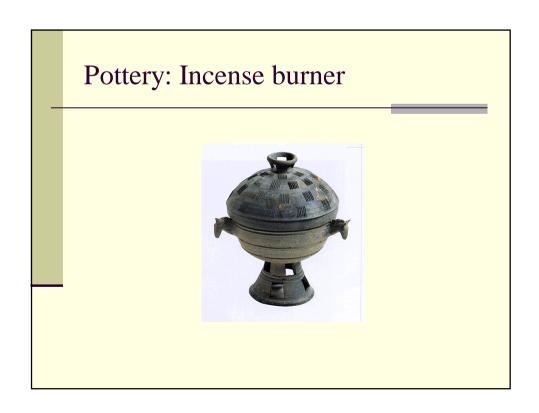
Bell from Gyungju (Capital of unified Silla)



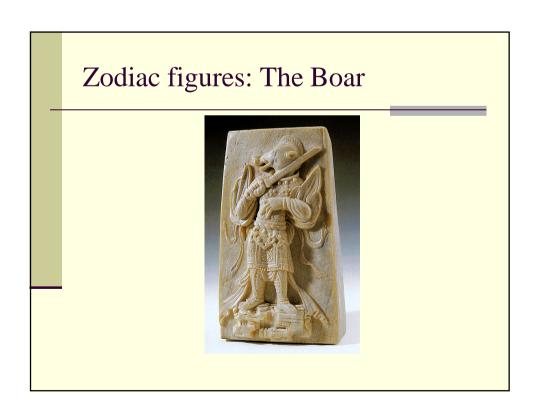
Tomb of the Heavenly Horse





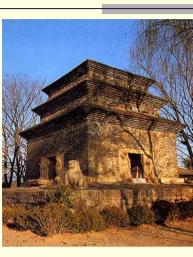


Buddha sculptures I a sculptures



Hwangnyong pagoda: destroyed by Mongols





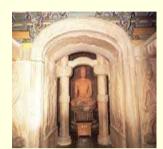
Sarira Reliquaries





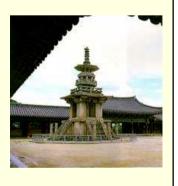
Sokkuram Grotto





Bulguksa Temple





Plan of Bulguksa



Bulguksa Temple





Parhae(Balhae) Kingdom

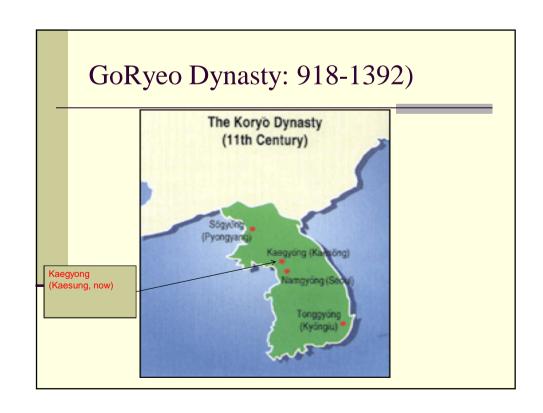
- Established by General from Goguryeo
- Fought and contained Silla
- Rued parts of Manchuria and North Korea
- Eventually defeated by Kitan uprising in 10th century

GoRyeo Dynasty 고려

General Wang Kon: founder of dynasty

- Collapse of Silla gave opportunity to create new dynasty
- Threatened by Kitan Liao tribes
- Thriving commercial, intellectual and artistic activities (100 years)
- Imitates China's Song dynasty
- Ally against Kitan





Josun Dynasty 조선

General Lee, Seong-gye founds the Josun Dynasty

- Moved the capital from Kaesong to modern day Seoul (Hanyang)
- Gate to Gyeongbokgung Palace





