Growing up White in South Asia

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Culture Shock in America
Location of Sri Lanka
Stone objects were found that dated back to 500,000 BC (Wanasundera, 1996)

The first prince arrived in 543 BC

Buddhism was brought to the island in the 3rd century BC

In the 2nd century BC, Tamils start to rule some areas

In 1505, the Portuguese visit the island

In 1658, the Dutch seized the Portuguese fort on the island

From 1815-1948, the British started to rule Sri Lanka
Civil War with the Tamil Tigers

- War broke out in 1983 when the Tamil guerrillas demanded an independent state (Wanasundera, 1996)
- In 1990, the police headquarters was bombed 2 blocks from my house
- In 1991, Rajiv Ghandi is assassinated in southern India
- In 1993, the president is assassinated
- In 2009, the war finally ended when the Tamil leader was killed
My Family
Visit Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka in Pictures
My School
Overseas School Colombo
Volleyball Team
Model United Nations Team
8th Grade Homeroom Class

From left: Roeland, Andrei, Yohaan, Doria, Sepali, Sepal, Param, Nagomi, Melanie, Gayan, Dolly, Santosh, Chris, Anaf Mrs Ratnayake.
Sri Lanka 20 Years Later
Life in Korea Now
Conclusion

How can we learn to understand other peoples culture?
Questions?
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- Explain a time when you experienced culture shock
- What can you do to reverse culture shock?
- What can you do to understand culture more?
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