

April Interviews

Interviewee: Aishu

Capacity: Club Member

Hello Aishu, how are you today?

I'm good so far!

We are here to interview as a club member for K-History Club. To start off, could you please introduce yourself?

My name is Aishu, and I'm fifteen (15) years old. I was born in India, and I joined the server last month, so I'm pretty new around here! I'm still figuring things out!

Why did you choose this club amongst all the others?

I'm a big History nerd, and I'm always curious about stuff, especially the past. And I wanted to learn more about Korean history radically because it isn't taught as much in the US.

How long have you been in the club?

It's been about a month so far!

What is your favorite topic that you've covered thus far in the club?

So far my favorite topic has been Queen Min and how she served her country! Although her story is pretty tragic, I admire the things she did for her country!

Have you studied Queen Min before?

No, I haven't.

Are you interested in history in general or just Korean history?

I am generally interested in history.



Have you always been interested in history?

Yep! In my freshman year of high school I took social studies classes, and I always loved learning about the past. It's something that has resonated with me since I was a little kid because I was always curious about the past and how things were like then!

Do you have in-depth knowledge of the history of any other countries?

A little bit of US History and Indian History because I studied six years in India as a kid and another six years in the US.

Are there any other countries whose history you're interested in learning about?

My knowledge is kind of all over the place.

Do you come to the meetings purely out of interest or as a way of helping you study Korean History?

Out of interest, honestly, and the thirst of knowledge. I wanna know more about Korea because Korean History has always fascinated me.

What is a fun memory you have from your time in this club?

I don't really have that many! That's because I'm still new to it, but when we were talking about Queen Min, Soora did a great job of explaining the story of Queen Min's death and how the Japanese attacked her. It was really tragic! Some group members even started joking around that I was traumatized by it.

The club usually uses either presentations or YouTube videos, right?

Yep!

Which one do you prefer? And why?

Presentations! Mainly because of the way Soora explains them!

What are some interesting things you've learned in the club?

I would say other topics that we usually discuss such as music and discovering Korean music, like olden day music, that sort of stuff!

Can you name something you've gained from being in the club?



World events that happened in Korea, especially the attack that happened on Korea during the Olympics.

How is the club leadership?

Soora is a really great leader, and Beata and the other members are really sweet and welcoming! They feel like a family, and I love the energy they create! It feels so welcoming, and they are always reaching out with open hands.

And how do you like the assignments?

They aren't that hard! For example, we had the option to either write our own opinion or draw. And I chose to write because it was the easiest for me, and I finished it within 15 minutes and turned it in on time! It isn't as stressful as other clubs I participate in.

Do you receive feedback for the assignments?

Kind of, that's what I would say! Though I only did a writing part; an opinion one, and generally it wouldn't be that interesting! But we do receive a thumbs up, and Soora acknowledges our hard work and people's drawings on meetings which is really nice! Because it makes you feel appreciated for the hard work you do!

How do you like the feedback?

I like the feedback because it makes me feel special and appreciated!

Are there any topics you would like to see covered in future?

Yep! However, some of the topics I want covered might not be comfortable for everyone! I kind of like to learn violent types of history; for example, the terror the Imperial Japan imposed on Korea and China during World War II. I want to dig deep into it and learn more about it, but it is pretty violent and graphic, and not everyone likes that type of stuff.

Did you have any expectations when going into this club?

No, not really. I wanted it to be fun and enjoyable and also to be able to learn at the same time.



What are some things you wish to improve about the club? Why?

They don't really need that much improvement! Maybe it needs more members. And maybe a few activities that everyone can participate in.

Would you recommend joining this club and why?

Yeah, I would recommend anyone to join this club, especially the people who want to learn about the world! And are kind of history-obsessed like I am! If you are especially into K-Pop, K-Drama, Korean food, or Korean culture, I would recommend it to them - to give it a try to learn more about Korean and where their favorite K-Pop idols come from so that they can connect more with Korea!

Thank you so much for the interview, Aishu, and we wish you all the best!

