

Growing up White in South Asia



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Culture Shock in America

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Location of Sri Lanka



A Brief History 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 Gandhi 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

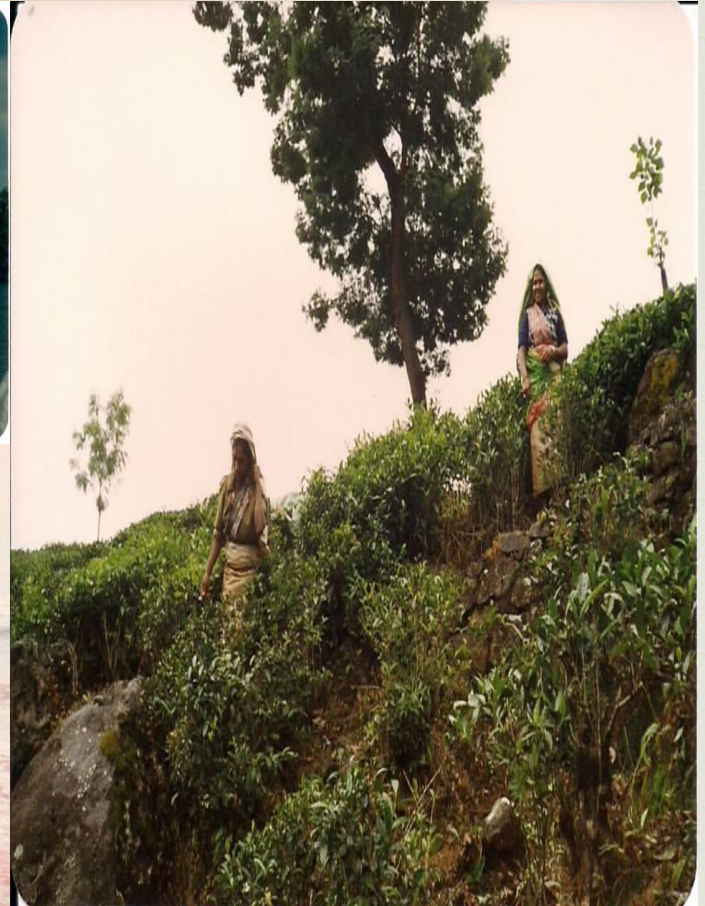


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Sri Lanka in Pictures

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My School

Overseas School Colombo



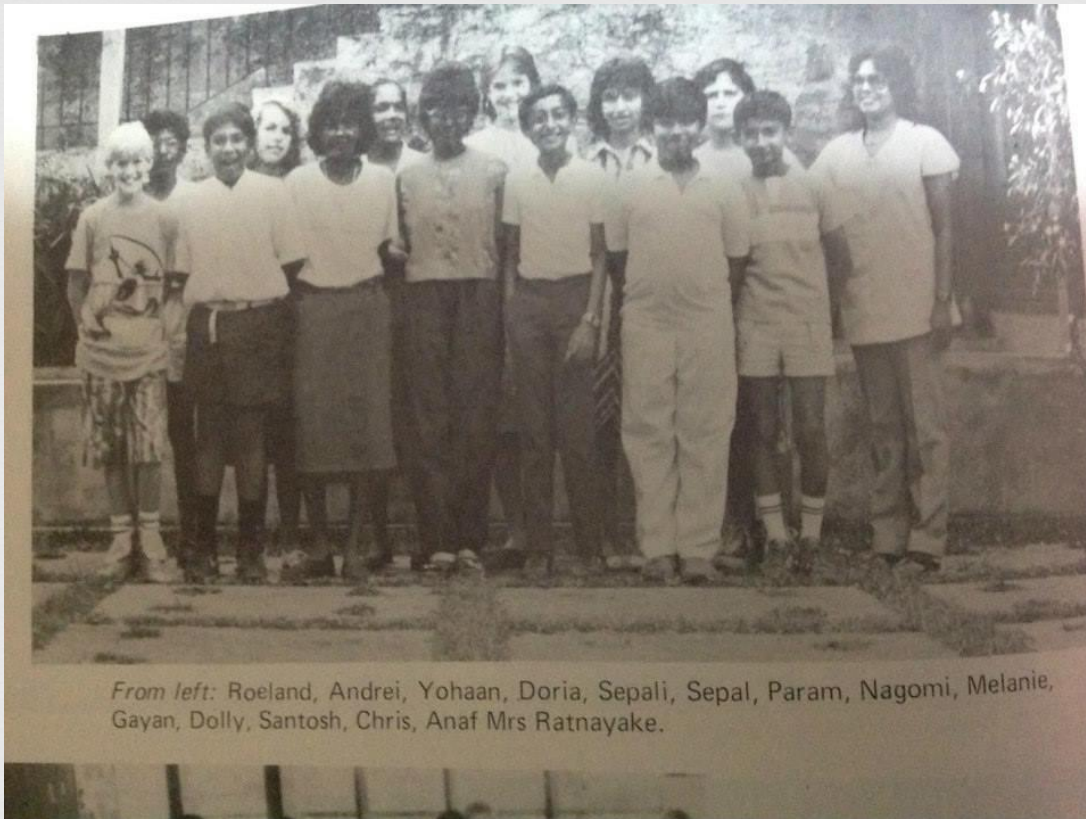
Volleyball Team



Model United Nations Team



8th Grade Homeroom Class



11th Grade 1992



Sri Lanka 20 Years Later



Life in Korea Now



Conclusion



❧ How can we learn to understand other peoples culture?

References



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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?

Ready to Share?



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