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# Activity One

## LINDA SUE PARK

Linda Sue Park is the author of **A Single Shard**, as well as many other books. What other books have you read written by Linda Sue Park?

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Would you be more interested in reading *Seesaw Girl*, *The Kite Fighters* or *When My Name Was Keoko: A Novel of Korea in World War II*? Explain your choice.

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Linda Sue Park's parents are from Korea and although she was born and raised in Illinois, she writes about the Korean culture. If you could give her guidelines for her next novel, what would you recommend based on what you know about Korea or what you would like to know?

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Write three questions you would ask Linda Sue Park, if you had the opportunity of meeting her.

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If you were an illustrator, what scene from *A Single Shard* would you absolutely want to illustrate? Why? Answer and illustrate it below.

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# Activity Two

## KOREA

**The story A Single Shard takes place in Korea.**

What do you know about the country of Korea?

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What do you know about the culture in Korea?

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What kind of vegetation and wildlife can you find in Korea today?

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What kind of people live in this country?

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Locate Korea on a map. How far is it from your hometown? San Francisco? New York City?

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Read up on various places in Korea. What impressed you about this country?

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What is their education like? How similar is it to yours? How different is it?

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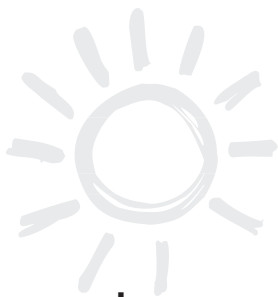
What culture differences do they have compared to yours?

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What culture similarities do they have with yours?

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# Activity Three

## POTTERY, THE CRAFT AND ITS MAKER

**Tree-ear becomes fascinated with the craft of making pottery.**

What do you know about the craft of pottery-making?

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Where do we find pottery and potters?

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What different types of pottery have you discovered?

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What are the step-by-step plans in making pottery?

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How is the trade of pottery-making done today?

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List fifteen (15) items you can make with clay:


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# Activity Four



## HOMELESS PEOPLE

**Tree-ear and Crane-man were both homeless in A Single Shard. Although this story took place in the 12th century, homeless people are not a modern phenomena.**

What do you know about being homeless?

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Start researching on the homeless situation in the country.

What do the statistics tell you about the homeless situation?

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Who are the people that end up being homeless?

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How does your municipality handle the homeless situation?

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How can kids help out with the situation?

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What can the different levels of government do to help the homeless people?

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In your opinion, will this situation ever disappear? Why or why not?

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How can people plan and avoid the homeless situation.

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# Activity Five

## MONKS

What do you know about Monks?

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If you read the Author's Note, Linda Sue Park writes about the Buddhist monk in the 12th century in Korea. Do some research and find out where monks live today.

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What did you know about monks?

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What questions do you have about monks?

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What did you learn from doing a mini research on monks?

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Draw a picture of Buddha.

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# Activity Six

## ARTISANS

In the Author's Notes at the end of the book **A Single Shard**, Linda Sue Park explained about the trade of the artisan being passed down from father to son. Choose a craft that you are not familiar with.

What is the craft you chose?

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Where is (or was) this craft practiced?

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Who is famous for this craft?

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How was this craft discovered?

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What do you predict would have happened if they had not made this discovery?

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How does this craft exist today?

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How does one learn the craft?

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Why is this craft so appealing to you?

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