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### Project Proposal: K-Dramas and Variety Shows

The topic that was chosen for the film project was Korean Dramas, also known as K-Dramas. K- Dramas have come a long way since 1927, when radio Korean dramas were broadcasted under the Japanese rule. The Korean Broadcasting Station (KBS) which was the first Korean owned broadcasting channel was started up after a fire broke out in HLKZ-TV station which was destroyed in the fire. The first Korean television film was a 15-minute piece titled *The Gate of Heaven* that appeared on the HLKZ-TV channel. Most starting k-dramas were dramatic historical movies that depicted and illustrated Korean's past history. In the 1970's, Now, k-dramas have made a name for themselves, separating their dramas and other television genres from any other television dramas around the world. Famous Dramas like *Boys Over Flowers*, and *Gu Family Book* (which is modern historical like drama) have evolved from the dramatic historical dramas in the 1960's, into romantic comedies. Also, one other genre that make Korean television different is their Variety shows, which is like American reality TV shows but, shows famous stars and bands playing games. So, how is Korean Dramas and television series different from American television series and reality shows? Korean television shows are tend to make more fresh ways to depict different topics like, if there was a show that was a cliché romantic comedy, k-dramas tend to change it and add twist and cliff hangers that makes their audience want more.