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# Background Information

## Comfort Women

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*"Comfort women", a euphemism for military sexual slavery, are those women who were forced to provide sexual services to Japanese Imperial Army troops during World War II. Women's lower social status and gender inequality were also contributing factors to their vulnerability to being forced into sexual slavery. The majority of the women were from Korea, China, Taiwan, and other parts of Asia, including Japan and Dutch nationals in Indonesia. Many of the comfort women were executed at the end of World War II. As for those who survived, these women suffer from either invisible mental or psychological wounds or physical maladies.*

### *Uncomfortable Statistics about Comfort Women*

*The estimated number of comfort women involved are 200000, and the actual number might have been even higher. The girls seized from villages appear to have been very young, the majority between the ages of 14 and 18.*

*Comfort women is still a highly sensitive issue in Japan. Many Japanese, especially right-wing nationalists, continued to refute it and states that there was no evidence of coercion. However, there is no doubt that the history of comfort women is an indelible one. As part of the younger generations, what we can do is to convey concerns about the issues of comfort women, raise awareness of their unjust treatment, and take actions to make a difference.*

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TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE.

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For more info on such issues, go to [www.alphaeducation.org](http://www.alphaeducation.org)

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