



# AP Human Geography

Takeshima/Dokdo Dispute

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Directions: Use the documents below to answer the following questions about the possession of the islands located in the East Sea/Sea of Japan called “Dokdo” by the Koreans and “Takeshima” by the Japanese.

### Toponym

Dokdo – Korean name for Liancourt Rocks (Modern) meaning “Rock Islands” or “Solitary Islands”

Liancourt Rocks – Name given to islands in 1800 by French whalers

Matushima – Older Japanese name for Liancourt Rocks

Seokdo – Older Korean name for Liancourt Rocks

Takeshima – Japanese name for Liancourt Rocks (Modern)

Ulleungdo – Korean Island Close to Liancourt Rocks

Uldo – Older Korean name for Liancourt Rocks

Usan-do – Older Korean name for Liancourt Rocks

### Thought Questions:

1. Which documents are pro-Korean and which ones are pro-Japanese? Explain why.

<u>Pro-Korean</u>	<u>Pro-Japanese</u>

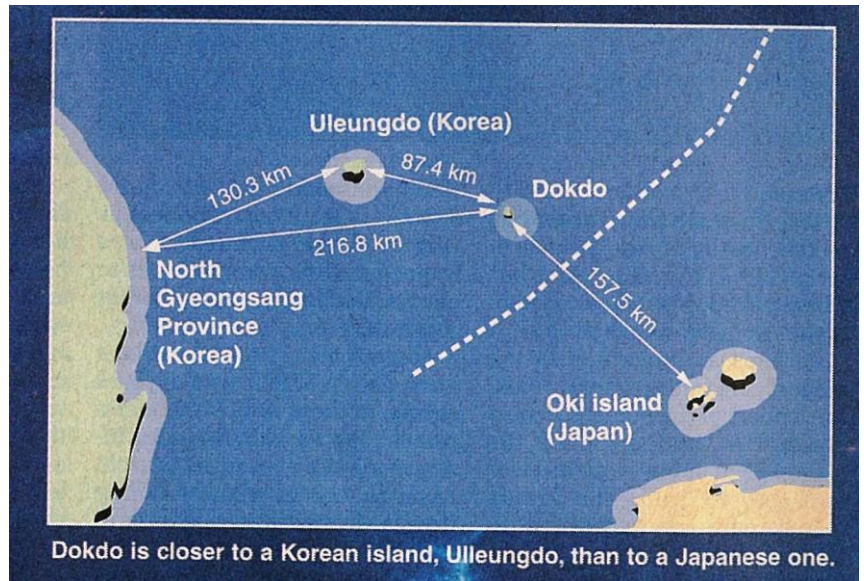
2. Based off the documents who would you say (Korea or Japan) has more claim to Dokdo/Takeshima? Explain why.

3. Which document was most helpful for you in making your decision? Explain why.

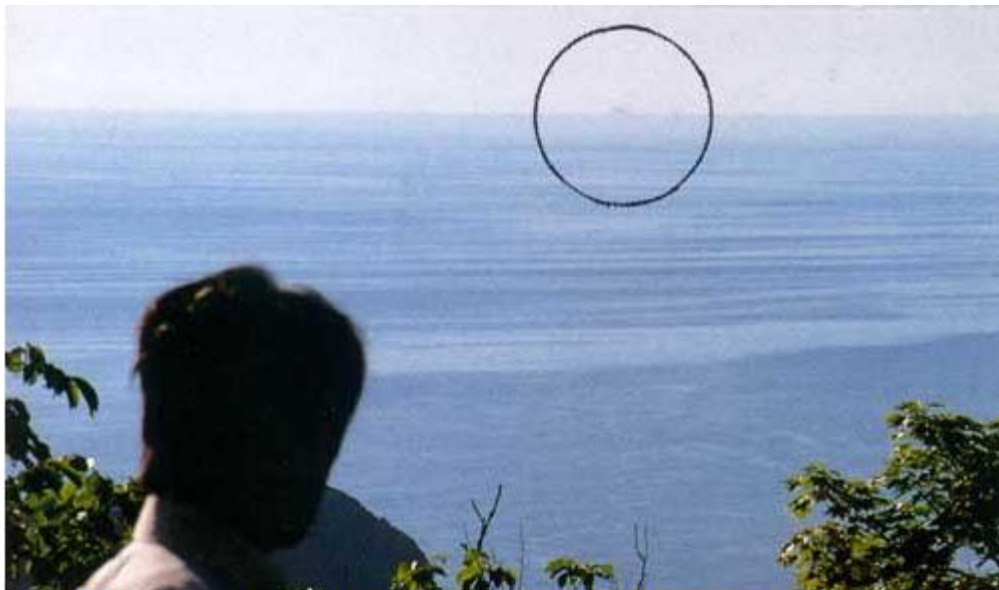
4. Which document was least helpful for you in making your decision? Explain why.

## Document #1: Modern Map of Dokdo with Distance

This map shows the location of Dokdo in relation to undisputed Japanese and Korean Islands.



## Document #2: Dokdo as seen from Ullungdo



This photo clearly calls into question the argument made by Kawakami Kenzo that Koreans on Ullung Island, 'were not aware of the existence of Dokdo since the island could not be seen from Ullungdo due to the thick vegetation there.'

### Document #3: Modern Aerial View

Modern view of Dokdo, a Korean police station, that was built on the smaller east island, can be seen.



### Document #4: 1530 - "Paldo Chongdo" (八道總圖) - "Map of the Eight Provinces"

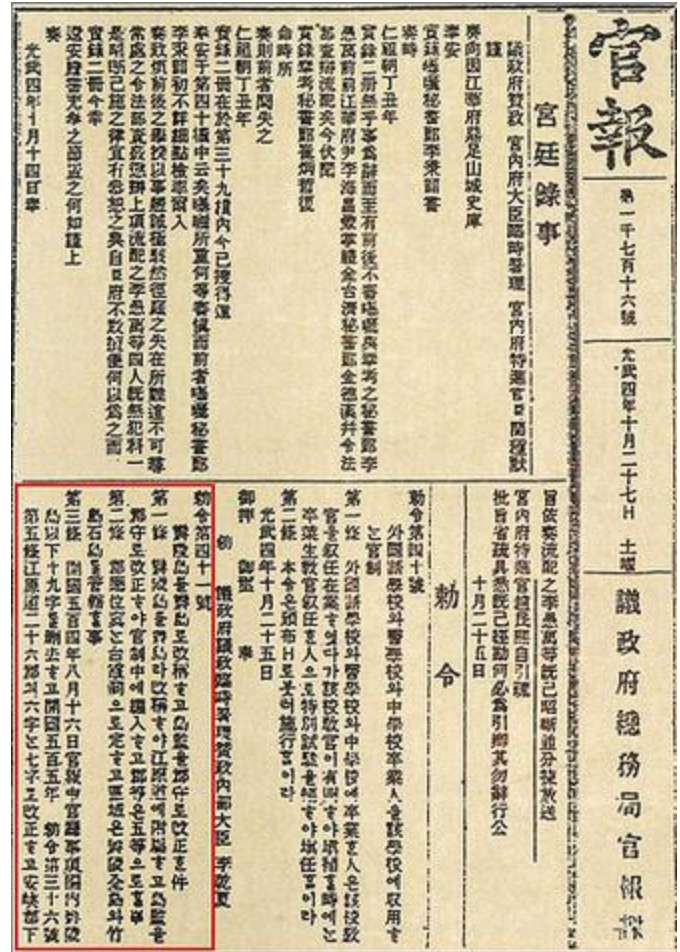


Map showing the location of Ulleungdo (鬱陵島) and Usando (于山島)



Document # 5: Oct 27, 1900 - Imperial Edict Makes Ulleungdo a County of Gangwon Province

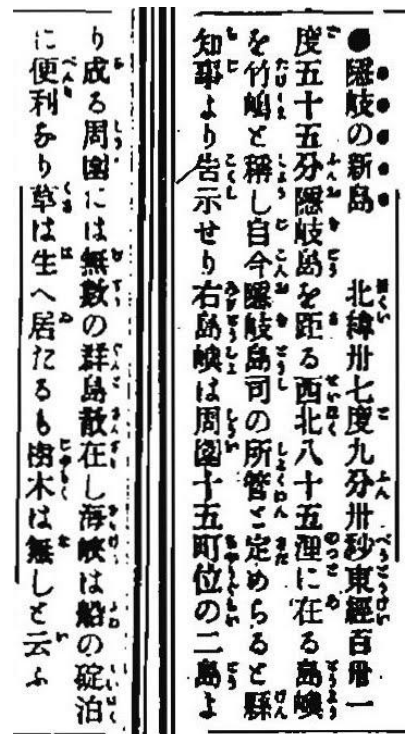
Imperial Edict No. 41  
 Renaming Ulleungdo as Uldo and Changing the Island's Administrator to County Magistrate  
 ARTICLE 1: Ulleungdo is renamed "Uldo" (鬱島) and is made a part of Gangwon Province (江原道). Island Administrator is changed to "County Magistrate" (郡守) and becomes a "level 5" (五等) official in the civil service system (官制).  
 ARTICLE 2: The county office will be located at Taehadong (太霞洞), and will have jurisdiction over the whole island of Ulleungdo (鬱陵全島), Jukdo (竹島), and the rock islets (石島).



Document #6: Feb 24, 1905 - Japanese Newspaper "San-in Shimibun"

“Oki's New Island

Eighty-five nautical ri northwest of Oki Island, at 37 degrees 9 minutes 30 seconds north and 131 degrees 55 minutes east, is an island called Takeshima. The prefectural governor has announced that this island is now under the jurisdiction of Oki County. The island is two islands with a circumference of about 15 cho. There are several islets around the islands and a channel between them where boats can anchor. They say that even though grass grows there, there are no trees.”





**Document # 9: 1951 Aug 10 - Sec. of State Dean Rusk Letter to S. Korean Ambassador**

“...As regards the island of Dokdo, otherwise known as Takeshima or Liancourt Rocks, this normally uninhabited rock formation was according to our information never treated as part of Korea and, since about 1905, has been under the jurisdiction of the Oki Islands Branch Office of Shimane Prefecture of Japan. The island does not appear ever before to have been claimed by Korea. It is understood that the Korean Government's request that "Parangdo" be included among the islands named in the treaty as having been renounced by Japan has been withdrawn...”

