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North Korea Question Guide

Overview

1. What kind of government does North Korea have?
2. How many people live in North Korea?
3. Who is the current leader of North Korea?
4. What is the countries policy on trade?

The Korean War

1. What happened to the Korean Peninsula at the end of World War II?
2. Why were there conflicts between North and South Korea after they were formed?
3. What is the 38th Parallel?
4. What is the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)?
5. Is the Korean War officially over? Explain.

Interesting Facts

1. What kinds of claims does the biography about Kim Jong Il make?
2. Do you think the people of North Korea really believe these claims about Kim Jong Il?
3. Why do you think that visiting foreigners are not allowed to communicate with the North Korean people?
4. What is special about the North Korean city of Kijong-Dong?

Everyday Life

1. How much money are people paid if they have a job?
2. Instead of practicing a religion, what are the North Korean people expected to worship?
3. How much does the government spend on its military?
4. Why do you think that the North Korean People are not allowed to watch foreign TV, use the internet and travel abroad?

The Kim Dynasty

1. What did Kim Il Sung do prior to becoming the leader of North Korea?
2. Where was Kim Jong Il actually born?
3. What two events happened during Kim Jong Il’s reign?

Nuclear Weapons Program

1. Why do you think that the North Korean government is so eager to produce nuclear weapons?

Conclusions

1. Do you think that Western countries should send financial aid to North Korea, even though some of the money ends up in the pockets of the leaders of the regime?
2. Most North Korean people live miserable lives, there is a lack of food, no freedom and no money to spend. Nevertheless, their leaders seem to be extremely popular. Why do you think this is so?