

Student Worksheet

DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

STORY

North Korea's Military Posturing May Signal Leadership Shift, 06/02/2009

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/jan-june09/korea_06-02.html

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. **Who is Kim Jong II?**

2. **How is North Korea different from America?**

3. **Why do some analysts believe Kim Jong II is testing missiles and nuclear devices now?**

4. **What is known about Jong Un?**

5. How does the Kim regime maintain power?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Why is President Obama concerned about what happens in North Korea?

2. From what you've read here, how is North Korea like a cult?

3. What do you think would happen if North Koreans suddenly had access to the internet and the Web?

4. What should be the U.S. policy towards North Korea?

5. Do you think Americans should be concerned with who rules North Korea? Why or why not?

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.