

Lesson Plan

The Kim Family

Book: *Kim Jong Un*

Series: World Leaders

Level: Voyager

Objective

To help students compare and contrast the three leaders of North Korea, focusing on similarities and differences between their policies.

Supplies

- *Kim Jong Un* book
- BBC Country Profile for North Korea: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-15256929>

Before the Activity

Have students read the *Kim Jong Un* book.

Activity

Formed in the mid-1900s, North Korea is a relatively young country. All three of its rulers so far have been from the same family: Kim Jong Un, his father Kim Jong Il, and his grandfather Kim Il Sung.

Have students take a closer look at how these three men influenced North Korea's history. Students should reread Chapter 2 ("The Great Leader") and Chapter 3 ("Like Father, Like Son") of the *Kim Jong Un* book, as well as the BBC Country Profile for North Korea. As they read, students should take notes about each of the country's leaders, noting things such as when he came to power, important events that happened while he was in control, and policies he enforced.

Students should use their notes to write a short essay that compares and contrasts these three leaders. The essay should summarize the main policies and events that happened during each man's rule. It should also list a few similarities or differences between him and North Korea's other two leaders.

Evaluation

Give students up to 15 points for their essays, giving them 5 points per leader.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading informational texts standards, grade 7 (RI 7.2; RI 7.3).