

## The World's Newest Dictator Assignment

Answer each question in complete sentences on your own paper. Please use MLA format.

1. What do you think the author is trying to suggest with the following excerpt? (For this question, you'll need to infer or "read between the lines.")

*"With the death of his father, 20-something Kim Jong Un is the new leader of North Korea, one of the world's most bizarre, secretive, and hostile countries."*

2. Look at the photograph at the top of page 2. Why do you think these people are bowing to the statue of Kim Il Sung? Is it out of respect, fear, or both? Explain your answer.
3. Reread the paragraph under the subheading Widespread Starvation. Based on the context clues, what do you think is the definition of deteriorated?
4. What is propaganda? Use a dictionary.
5. How is propaganda being used as a means of controlling people in North Korea?
6. According to this article, why is the young Kim attacking South Korea? What do you think he is trying to prove?
7. Take a moment to analyze the chart on the last page of the article. Knowing what you know about North Korea, why do you think the numbers on the North Korea side of the chart are so different when compared to those of the South Korea side?
8. Make a list of all of the text features used in this article. Use the side bulletin board to help you if you need it.