

Map Activity
I ESCAPED THE TERRORS OF NORTH KOREA
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1. Outline the borders of North Korea on the map in blue.
2. Outline the borders of China on the map in red.
3. What countries does North Korea border? _____
4. Ulaanbaatar is the capital city of Mongolia. Can you tag Ulaanbaatar on the map?
5. Kuming is a major city in China. Can you tag Kuming on the map?
6. Bangkok is the capital of Thailand. Can you tag Bangkok on the map?
7. Trace the escape route taken by Dae and the refugees in green.
8. How did Dae travel from Ulaanbaatar to South Korea? _____
9. Apart from Mongolia, name an alternative escape route. _____
10. Which escape route is the shortest? _____

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3. North Korea borders South Korea and China
8. Dae traveled by airplane from Ulaanbaatar to South Korea.
9. Alternate routes are Thailand or Cambodia.
10. The route through Mongolia is shortest.

Reading Comprehension
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PROLOGUE: The Yalu River

Why did Dae want to leave North Korea?

CHAPTER 1

The students were playing *Bash the Yankee Bastard*. Why did they think Americans were evil?

CHAPTER 2

1. Why would you have to be careful in a self-criticism session?
2. Yumi brought chocolate to school. Why was that a problem?

CHAPTER 3

1. Why did Dae's father throw his bowl of grass porridge at the Dear Leader's portrait?
2. Was it right for Dae's neighbors to report on each other?

CHAPTER 4

If a family member has broken the law, is it fair to punish all members of the family?

CHAPTER 5

Why didn't families adopt the orphans?

CHAPTER 6

Why didn't the market vendors share their food?

CHAPTER 7

Why was Dae not allowed to travel from North Korea to China?

CHAPTER 8

Why did China have more food than North Korea?

CHAPTER 9

Was the youth leader fair to Dae?

CHAPTER 10

Was Dae happy to see Ki-moon?

CHAPTER 11

What were the slave traders doing?

CHAPTER 12

Why did Ki-moon have the medicines?

CHAPTER 13

Why did Dae want to look like an ethnic Korean?

CHAPTER 14

1. Why did Dae think South Koreans were devils?
2. Why was the South Korean Mission helping North Koreans get to South Korea?

CHAPTER 15

Why would China not allow North Koreans to go to the South Korean Embassy?

CHAPTER 16

Why did Dae pretend to be asleep?

CHAPTER 17

Was Ki-moon a true friend to Dae?

CHAPTER 18

Why didn't the guides go all the way to the checkpoint with the refugees?

CHAPTER 19

1. Why were the Chinese security police arresting the refugees?
2. Do you think China was fair to North Korean refugees?

CHAPTER 20

Why were the refugees happy to get to the Mongolian checkpoint?

CHAPTER 21

Why did the Mongolian commander not want to take the refugees to the South Korean Embassy?

CHAPTER 22

What would happen to the refugees if they were arrested by the Chinese and returned to North Korea?

CHAPTER 23

What did Dae plan to do when he arrived in South Korea?

ANSWER SHEET

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Dae wanted to leave because he was starving; he wanted money to buy food for himself and for his parents. He also wanted to help free his father.

CHAPTER 1

North Korean students are taught in school that Americans are the enemy.

CHAPTER 2

1. You would have to be careful to avoid saying something that would get you or anyone else into trouble.
2. Chocolate was not available in North Korea, so someone imported it illegally.

CHAPTER 3

1. Dae's father was angry because he and his family were starving, while the Leaders had food.
2. Answers will vary.

CHAPTER 4

Punishing all members of the family is unfair.

CHAPTER 5

Families couldn't afford to adopt orphans because they were starving and had no food to offer.

CHAPTER 6

The market vendors didn't have enough to share with beggars.

CHAPTER 7

North Korea regarded South Korea as an enemy. It was against the law to go there.

CHAPTER 8

China was a wealthier country. People had more freedom to work and run businesses.

CHAPTER 9

The youth leader was a bully. He was not fair to Dae.

CHAPTER 10

Dae was not happy to see Ki-moon. He feared the kotjebi would be a handicap.

CHAPTER 11

The slave traders were selling North Koreans to Chinese farmers.

CHAPTER 12

Ki-moon stole Dae's medicines to sell them himself and keep the money.

CHAPTER 13

Dae wanted to look like an Ethnic Korean as then the security police wouldn't return him to North Korea.

CHAPTER 14

1. In school, Dae was taught that the South Koreans were devils.
2. Answers will vary.

CHAPTER 15

China traded with North Korea and did not want to help the North Korean refugees.

CHAPTER 16

Dae pretended to be asleep so that the security police wouldn't ask him for his ID.

CHAPTER 17

Ki-moon was not a true friend because he stole from Dae.

CHAPTER 18

The guides were afraid to travel with the refugees to the checkpoint because it was against the law to help North Korean refugees.

CHAPTER 19

1. The Chinese security police were arresting the refugees to return them to North Korea.
2. Answers will vary.

CHAPTER 20

The refugees thought they were safe once they were out of China and had reached the Mongolian checkpoint.

CHAPTER 21

The commander's new instructions were to return North Korean refugees to China.

CHAPTER 22

If the refugees were returned to North Korea, they would be harshly punished, probably sent to labor camps, or even executed.

CHAPTER 23

Dae planned to go to school, work, study, make enough money to send home to his parents and he hoped to earn enough to pay a smuggler to get them out of North Korea.