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**Questions on Textbook excerpts**

**1) According to each textbook, how did the Korean War start?**

**Textbook A:**

*According to Textbook A, the Korean War started with an aggressive attack at dawn on the North republic. Since they had passed the 38th parallel, they continued to go deeper and deeper into the Northern Republic until they had to be eliminated because they were such a threat to the country and all of their people.*

**Textbook B:**

*According to Textbook B, the Korean War started when Kim Sung-Il secretly made a deal with the Soviets that when the war started, the Soviets and China would have the North’s back. They pursued to the 38th parallel where they attacked the South surprisingly. Since they were taken by surprise, the south fought courageously in order to try to defend the liberty of their country and people.*

**2) Which of these textbooks do you find more trustworthy? Why? (Use specific examples from each text to support your answer).**

*I find textbook B to be more trust worthy because they were more detailed and they also supported more evidence showing how their side of the story was true. By including that UN found the North’s actions to be “illegal” and “a threat to peace”, it shows how it wasn’t just the South that believed that the attack was unjust and not right.*

**3) Where else would you look in order to figure out how the Korean War started?**

*You could look to China and see their perception on not only how the war started, but also about how they got involved in the war when it had nothing to do with them from the start.*

**Which of these sources is for Textbook A and which is for Textbook B?**

**Kim, Doojin. Korean History: Senior High. (Seoul, South Korea: Dae HanTextbook Co.), 2001.**

**Textbook *B***

**Provide language from the textbook excerpt to support your answer:** *”The UN army constituted the armies of 16 countries—among them, the United States, Great Britain and France—joined the South Korean forces in the battle against the North.” And also, “When the overthrow of the South Korean government through social confusion became too difficult, the North Korean communists switched to a stick-and-carrot strategy: seeming to offer peaceful negotiations, they were instead analyzing the right moment of attack and preparing themselves for it.” This isn’t specifically supporting the thoughts of the leader of Kim Il-sung, it seems to be giving what is known as the true history.*

**History of the Revolution of our Great Leader Kim Il-sun: High School. (Pongyang, North Korea: Textbook Publishing Co., 1999).**

**Textbook *A***

**Provide language from the textbook excerpt to support your answer:** *”Having passed the 38th parallel, the enemies crawled deeper and deeper into the North half of the Republic...the invading forces of the enemies had to be eliminated and the threatened fate of our country and our people had to be saved.” And also, “The American invaders who had been preparing the war for a long time, alongside their puppets, finally initiated the war on June 25th of the 39th year of the Juche calendar.” This textbook seems to point out all the supposedly wrong things that the Americans had done but never seems to give any facts or evidence to back up what they are saying.*