**Questions on Textbook excerpts**

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

***Textbook A***

American Invaders prepared in advance for an aggressive war. The American imperialists took action in 1950 when they finally initiated the war. The enemies unexpectedly attacked the North of the Republic, and the enemies crawled deeper and deeper into the North half of the Republic. The invaders had to be eliminated and the fate of our country was in a fight to be saved.

***Textbook B***

North Korean Communists were already prepared for war. Kim Il-Sung visited the USSR and formed the alliance with China and the Soviets. On June 25, 1950, the North traveled south along the 38th Parallel. They surprised South Korea with attacks and South Korea fought to defend themselves.

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

I find that Textbook B is more trustworthy because it seems like the paragraph in Textbook A is written by someone American, so there could be bias views on the war. An example of how it is biased is when it calls North Korea the ‘enemies’ instead of North Korea. This shows how the author isn’t so focused on the hard facts.

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

You could look in a Chinese textbook or article etc… to find out from China’s perspective. Although they weren’t directly involved in the start of the war, they played a big part in the middle and they were updated on the causes of the war and how it began.

*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** \_\_\_A\_\_\_

**Provide language from the textbook excerpt to support your answer:**  “our country and our people had to be saved” …“the enemies unexpectedly attacked the North half of the Republic”

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

**Textbook** \_\_\_B\_\_\_

**Provide language from the textbook excerpt to support your answer: (**Focused on North Korea) “The North Korean communists prepared themselves for war” , “…the North Korean communists switched”