

About North Korea

North Korea is in Asia. It is near China, Russia and South Korea.

Its capital city is Pyongyang.

About **25 million people** live in North Korea.

It was created in 1948 after the Second World War.

It is a dictatorship. It is **ruled by Kim Jong-Un** who became leader in 2011. The previous 2 rulers were his granddad and father.



Life In North Korea

The North Korean government **tells most people what to do for a job.** They do not get to choose their jobs. Often they make just \$1000 a year.

70% of citizens do not have electricity.

Most do not have the internet.

North Korea **does not make enough food** to feed its people. Millions died of starvation in the late 1990s. **Around 40% of the population do not have enough food.**

Children must wear the same uniform, even when they are not in school. They are taught that they are the best country in the world.

Everyone must have pictures of the 2 previous leaders in their house and use a special towel to clean these every day. They can be arrested if they do not do this.

North Koreans do not have the right to choose their own religion. They **cannot travel** without permission. They **do not have free speech.** All men have to do military service for 3-5 years.

Politics in North Korea

Kim Jong-Un is the leader. In the past years **he has had family members killed because they might try to take power from him.** This included his brother in 2017 in an airport in Malaysia.

Everywhere Kim Jong-Un goes, a team of people follow him to write down everything he says.

They spend 30% of their money on the military (the UK spends 5.5%). Kim Jong-Un has been building up his country's nuclear weapons.

The media (newspapers and radios) are controlled by the government **They are told what to report and how to report it.**

The media says Kim Jong-Un is an "outstanding leader."

There are elections every 4-5 years but there is only the leader's name on the paper. Citizens over 17 have to "vote." **If anyone speaks out against the leader, they will be punished. They may be killed.**

They could be sent to a prison camp for life. Their relatives would be sent there too.



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Political System: _____

Population: _____

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