**Study Questions for *Escape from North Korea***

The NDHS English Department has generated the following questions to aid you in your understanding of this required summer reading book. It is our recommendation that you answer these questions so that you’ll be prepared for our class discussions and ultimately for your class assessment once school starts. Your answers to these questions will not be collected for a grade, but completing them will prepare you for classroom assessments in August.

1. Study the map on the inside cover. Locate North and South Korea, China, Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand. These countries are very important in understanding the new underground railroad. Also notice the distance that refugees must sometimes travel.
2. Why does the author compare escaping North Korea to the Underground Railroad in the pre-Civil War U.S.?
3. Why would someone want to escape North Korea?
4. What is the DMZ? How long has it been there? Why does it still exist?
5. Why is the Christian church so important for the new underground railroad?
6. Why do so many women go to China from North Korea? Is there more than one reason?
7. What is dangerous about being a North Korean in China?
8. What problems do “half-and-half” children encounter in China and North Korea?
9. Why are loggers and POWs part of this discussion of escaping North Korea?
10. What role do Korean-American churches have with the railroad?
11. Why do some South Koreans not want to help North Koreans escape?
12. What is the complicated process of extracting someone from North Korea? Why do North Korean refugees in South Korea still try?
13. What are some ways that North Koreans have trouble adjusting to life in South Korea?
14. What role does technology have in liberating North Korea?
15. Why would a full scale war be a bad way to free North Korea? What would be a better way?