

| Theme | Content | Resources & Reading | Possible Essay Questions |
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| From planned to socialist market economy Weeks 1-2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bit of History: the economy under Mao • The Four Modernisations • Household-responsibility system • Town and Village Enterprises and State Owned Enterprises | Casale, G and Zhu, C: Labour administration reforms in China http://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/watkins/china2.htm http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/commandingheights/lo/index.html | To what extent was the move from planned to socialist market economy necessary for China to be able to compete in the modern, globalised world? |
| Opening up Weeks 3-4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplomatic relations with the west • International trade and the WTO • Special Economic Zones & the Open Door Policy • Exchange rate policy | Zeng, D Z (Editor): Building Engines for Growth and Competitiveness in China: Experience with Special Economic Zones and Industrial Clusters http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/countries_e/china_e.htm | Explain the concept of Special Economic Zones and evaluate their impact on China's economic progress since their introduction in the 1980s. |
| Managing growth Weeks 5-6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Growth Rates and overheating • Infrastructure investment • One Child Policy • 3 Gorges Dam Project and energy demand | Yueh, L: China's Growth: The Making of an Economic Superpower http://www.ted.com/talks/martin_jacques_understanding_the_rise_of_china.html | To what extent has a high level of investment in infrastructure been the biggest driver of China's economic progress since 1978? |
| China's role in the 21st century global economy Weeks 7-8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a producer • As a buyer of commodities • As a nation of consumers | Fenby, J: Tiger Head, Snake Tails: China today, how it got there and why it has to change http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/china http://www.economist.com/world/China | Discuss the extent to which China's position as a global leader in the production and export of goods is under threat as its population grows richer and more consumerist. |



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| <p>Ongoing challenges Weeks 9-10</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corruption & piracy • Human & employment rights issues • Intellectual property rights • Commercial legislative framework • Ghost cities • Environmental issues | <p>Kynge, J: China Shakes The World: The Rise of a Hungry Nation</p> <p>http://www.ted.com/talks/leslie_t_chang_the_voices_of_china_s_workers.html</p> | <p>To what extent is it inevitable that environmental and health problems will continue to be a problem for China if its current rate of economic growth is maintained?</p> |
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