Modern World Issues Study Guide

1. Who is Chiang Kai-shek and why is he important?
2. Who is Mao Tse-tung and why is he important?
3. How did Chiang Kai-shek and the Nationalists increase his power during World War II?
4. How did Mao and the Communists increase their power during World War II?
5. What was the Great Leap Forward and why is it significant?
6. What was the Cultural Revolution and what were its goals?
7. How were Zhou Enlai's policies regarding China's isolationism different from previous Chinese leaders?
8. What changes did Deng Xiaoping introduce to China?
9. What happened at Tiananmen Square and why is it significant?
10. What happened to Japan immediately after WWII?
11. What were General Mac Arthur's goals for Japan post WWII?
12. What problems does Japanese society face today?
13. Summarize the beliefs of Mohandas Gandhi.
14. How did India win its independence from Great Britain?
15. How did the two independent nations of India and Pakistan come about and why is it significant?
16. What did East and West Pakistan have in common? What issues divided them?
17. What political problems did Uganda face after independence? Zaire? Kenya?
18. What is Apartheid and why is it significant?
19. How did Apartheid come to an end?
20. Who is Nelson Mandela and why is he significant?
21. What economic problems is Latin America dealing with today?
22. What social problems is Latin America dealing with today?
23. Who is Evita and why is she significant?
24. What advantages and problems does Brazil face?
25. How has Chile come to be a democracy?
26. What is the history of Cuba's relationship with the United States?
27. Why is Nicaragua so controversial?
28. How was the Republic of Turkey created and why is it significant?
29. Trace the movement to create the state of Israel.
30. What military challenges has Israel faced since its creation?
31. What role has oil played in Middle Eastern history?
32. What is Fundamentalism and why is it significant?