DISCOVERING CHINA

The Research Process
What is Research?

Research /ˈrēˌsərCH/
noun:

the *systematic investigation* into, and study of, materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions typically in response to a question
The Research Questions

Is China’s growth sustainable?
Will the policies of 2015 be viable in 2050?

You may choose to address one or both of the above prompts in your China expository essays.
Areas of Focus

- Economy & Infrastructure
- Environment
- Civil Liberties
- Military & Cybersecurity
Economy & Infrastructure

• How has China’s economy changed over the last decade?
• What are China’s new infrastructure projects and what do they indicate about the country’s priorities?
• Will the expansion of infrastructure help or hurt the growth of the economy?
• Is economic growth within the country evenly distributed across rural and urban divide?
Environment

- Can you identify the causes behind China’s water issues and potential sources of clean water in the future?
- What are the leading causes of air pollution (smog) in China?
- Will they be able to reach acceptable WHO standards by 2050?
- What are the direct health impacts of the pollutants and how have citizens, politicians, and businesses responded to the pollution problem?
What are Civil Liberties?

Civil Liberties /ˈkɪv ɪl ˈlɪb rə tiːz/

noun:

the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality
Civil Liberties

• What grievances do the people want China to address through Hong Kong’s Umbrella Revolution?
• How is the generation gap affecting censorship rules?
• What are ways that China is censoring and restricting civil liberties?
• How does the firewall limit China’s growth? How have internet restrictions by the government curtailed freedoms?
Military & Cybersecurity

- What specific areas of China's military are growing?
- How is China’s prioritizing military spending hindering progress in other areas?
- Is China’s military expansion threatening neighboring countries?
- How useful or powerful is China’s cyber-intelligence?
- How will China train and prepare their military forces?
- How is China’s competition with the United States directing China’s military growth?
What is your area of focus?

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