

History of International Politics (East Asia focus) – [E]

“China Embraces the World – Deng Xiaoping’s Economic Reforms (1978 - 1989)”

**Class Discussion Questions from
“Japan and the Four Little Dragons” Lecture.**

1. Discuss the factors and policies that contributed to Japan’s economic rise in the 1950s and 1960s.
2. Provide examples of some of the challenges related to the US military’s presence in Japan after World War II.
3. What were the Nixon Shocks?
4. Why was 1972 an important year with regards to China – Japan relations?
5. Name the ‘Four Little Dragons’ (also known as the ‘Four Asian Tigers’).
6. Discuss the factors and policies that contributed to South Korea’s economic rise in the 1960s and 1970s.
7. Who was Park Chung-hee?
8. Provide examples of where US support and assistance proved instrumental to South Korea’s economic development.

9. What does the word 'chaebol' mean?

10. How and why did South Korea become a democracy?

11. Discuss the factors and policies that contributed to Taiwan's economic rise in the 1960s and 1970s.

12. Provide examples that illustrated Taiwan's successful rise.

13. Discuss the factors and policies that contributed to Hong Kong's economic rise in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s.

14. What was the "Era of Opening Up and Reform" (in relation to the PRC)?

15. Discuss Singapore's historical background. How and why did Singapore become an independent republic?

16. What were some of the lessons for the PRC of the economic rise of Asian neighbors such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore?