

China Revs Up

Video Worksheet

1. What's the threat of China's dream of economic modernization?
2. What provides the majority of China's energy?
3. What happened in the 70's to try and make things better?
4. Why was the Chinese Gov't so anxious to control population?
5. How do most people heat their homes in China? Why do they prefer this method?
6. What is the problem with this choice of energy?
7. How is this related to the economic prosperity taking place in China?
8. What are the public costs of pollution associated with the choice of energy?
9. How are pollution, industrialization and affluence connected according to the Kuznet curve? How is this promising for countries like China?
10. What part of China's economic development is perhaps more threatening than industrial pollution?
11. What does the automobile symbolize for the Chinese?
12. What's happening to car sales in China in recent years?
13. Are Chinese cars the same as their European or American counterparts?
14. Why is the auto industry so important to the Chinese?
15. What's China's dilemma?
17. What is the "trickle down" effect?
18. Why is rural economic development so critical?
19. Why do modern Chinese choose smaller families? What is the advantage for the children that are born?

20. How much of the world's arable land does China's rural areas have? How is this related to the share of the world's population living in China's rural areas?

21. What is limiting China's ability to grow more food? Why is occurring? (2 reasons)

22. How is diet related to affluence? Why is this a problem in China? Why is this a problem for the rest of the world?

24. Until recently, who was responsible for the bulk of the world's environmental damage?

25. What is leapfrogging? Give an example.

26. Give an example of how China could use its size and power to improve the world's environment.