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Modern China

Currency- Chinese Yuan

Modern China Video Question:

Name some positive and negative results of China's Communist governments economic changes.

Positives: growing economy, cities booming, improved housing, low living costs, increasing wealth

Negatives: Pollution, oil shortages, low wages

1949 Command Economy

- ✿ When communists took over government set up a command economy.
- ✿ The government took control of most industries and makes most economic decisions.

1970 Economic Changes

- ✿ Government started introducing elements of a free market economy (Capitalism), so they are more of a mixed economy today.
- ✿ Farmers can grow own crops on land rented from the government.
- ✿ Allowing more private industries.
- ✿ Chinese can start own businesses.
- ✿ More differences in wealth, however, most are still poor.

Industry

- ✿ Communists introduced programs to build industry.
- ✿ Today China is an industrial giant.
- ✿ Some Chinese workers are Migrant workers who moved to city for industrial jobs.
- ✿ Cause air and water pollution.

Migrant Worker Video Question:

What is a migrant worker and what is their life like?

A migrant worker is someone who lives in the countryside but moves temporarily into the city for an industrial job. They live in a cramped dorm like setting with shared living spaces and bathrooms. They sometimes don't see their family for many year.

Agriculture

- ✿ Only 10% of land is good for farming.
- ✿ However, China is a world leader in production of many crops.
- ✿ 50% of Chinese workers are farmers.

Other Problems in Modern China Today

- ✿ Censorship- practice of removing books, movies, articles that that didn't want people to read/see.
- ✿ Great Chinese firewall- blocks and monitors websites and keywords.
- ✿ Lack of human rights- basic freedoms and rights such as freedom of speech that all people should have.

What is the U.S. trade deficit with China as of 2017?

\$375 Billion