II. China

1. China’s Population

* **Peoples Republic of China –**
* Largest populated country on earth with over 1.35 billion people
* Almost 5 times the population of the United States
* **Arable Land** –
* Only 15% of China’s land is arable
* **90% -**
* Results in crowded Chinese cities

B. Population Control

* **1960s –**
* **One-Child Policies –**
* **“Little Emperors” –** China’s new population of pampered and spoiled children
* Most Chinese families favor having male children over female children
* **December 2013** -

C. China’s Economy

* China has the second largest economy in the world today
* United States buys many of its goods from the countries of East Asia
* **Wage –**
* Chinese workers have lower wages than worker in other countries
* 40 million Chinese people live off of less than $200 a year

D. Unequal Opportunity

* Great gap between west (rural) and east (urban) China
* Because few opportunities exist in the west millions of people are forced to move to eastern cities
* **“Floating Population”** –

E. Environmental Concerns

* Chinese cities have some of the worst air pollution in the world – Results in over 1 million deaths per year
* China has powered most of its economic growth by burning coal and oil
* Water pollution is also a major problem in China today