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NIGERIA Article Questions

All responses should be in YOUR OWN WORDS!

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ni.html>

Background:

- 1) Describe Nigeria's political history from colonialism until present:

Geography:

- 2) List the natural resources and environmental problems:

People and Society:

- 3) List the top 4 ethnic groups and the accompanying percentages of the total population:

- a. Do the same thing with religion:

- 4) *Just skim through the diseases section; life expectancy; infant mortality rate (scary)

Government:

- 5) Describe the basic structure (where does power lie? Branches of government? Constitution? Major parties?)

Economy:

- 6) What is the percentage of the population living in extreme poverty?
- 7) Explain how president Buhari has attempted to address economic concerns –

Energy:

- 8) How much of the population lives without electricity (do math)?

Terrorism:

- 9) Describe the goal of Boko Haram –
 - a. Explain how their tactics/goals effect Nigeria –

https://www.newsweek.com/2020/01/31/nigeria-next-superpower-1481949.html?fbclid=IwAR3TP_aRlznem6Ed9zrUw77v7l3mbEQ9mMAOqkPXRaWLRyDFq4B5tFI-R04

Black China: Africa's First Superpower Is Coming Sooner Than You Think (2020)

1. Describe the factors that may contribute to Nigeria becoming Africa's first superpower –
2. Describe the factors that may contribute to Nigeria NOT becoming Africa's first superpower –
3. "Nigeria is not a failed state, but neither is it a successful one." – use 2 pieces of specific evidence from the piece to defend this statement –
4. Describe "middle class" in Nigeria –
5. Explain why citizens turn to illegal outlets for making money –
6. Explain why gridlock is such a problem in the National Assembly (Congress) –

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7. Describe what is meant by "If you're excluded from politics, you're excluded from the economy." –

**One out of every seven black people on earth is Nigerian – no question for this, just think about that.*

8. Explain how Lagos demonstrates potential for the entire Nigerian state to evolve –

9. Support the claim that Nigeria's most valuable export is "people" –

10. Explain how Nigeria's entrepreneurial spirit will make it a superpower –

11. Explain how the growing trend toward democracy will reinvigorate the economy –

12. Describe the main factors contributing to Nigeria's lack of modernization (both economically and socially) -

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2014-03-10/roots-nigerias-religious-and-ethnic-conflict>

The roots of Nigeria's Religious and Ethnic Conflict (2014)

1) Where does Nigeria come from?

a. Explain the effect this has had on current regional differences –

2) Describe Nigeria's cleavages (religion, geography, ethnicity) and whether or not they are coinciding or cross-cutting (you have to figure this out and explain it because the article doesn't tell you explicitly so THINK about it – also I discussed it) –

3) Explain how the legal system in the north differs from the south –

4) What did the ***Biafran*** separatist movement symbolize?

<https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019/country-chapters/nigeria>

Human Rights Watch: Nigeria

Abuses by Boko Haram

1) Describe three different atrocities committed by this group:

a. What was the problem with the response by the state?

Public Sector Corruption

2) What is the role of the EFCC?

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

3) Describe general freedoms in relation to this topic and whether civil rights are protected for these groups –

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<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-12192152>

Nigeria's Goodluck Jonathan, profile of a defeated president, 2015

- 1) Describe how President Jonathan's "fall into the presidency."
- 2) Describe how President Jonathan's run in 2010 broke with PDP tradition.
- 3) Describe how each of the following have weakened President Jonathan's political position/legitimacy:
 - a. *Allegations of corruption:*
 - b. *Insurgency of Boko Haram:*
 - c. *President Obasanjo's critique's:*

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-31111572>

How Nigeria's presidential election works, 2015

- 1) Name the two candidates in the March 2015 presidential election: incumbent _____ v. challenger _____.
 a. Explain why the election was postponed –

- 2) Describe each of the contenders in the election in all of the following ways –

	INCUMBENT -	CHALLENGER -
PARTY		
CHANCES OF VICTORY/LOSS and WHY?		
SECURITY PLATFORM		
ECONOMIC PLATFORM		
CORRUPTION PLATFORM		
EMPLOYMENT PLATFORM		
INFRASTRUCTURE PLATFORM		
ENERGY PLATFORM		

- 3) Describe what you think the *INEC* is responsible for –
 - a. Describe two techniques they are using to accomplish their goals –
- 4) Describe how the president candidates win the election –
- 5) Explain why the gubernatorial elections are so important (what do governors' control) –

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/uhenergy/2017/02/13/oil-and-violence-in-the-niger-delta-isnt-talked-about-much-but-it-has-a-global-impact/#aaba4774dc6b>

Oil and Violence in the Niger Delta Isn't Talked About Much, But it Has a Global Impact, 2017

- 1) Explain why the troubles in the Niger Delta don't get much press –
- 2) Describe the ***Ogoni people***, their tactics, hostility toward oil companies and goals –
 - a. What happened to their leaders and how did that affect the movement?
- 3) Explain how ***MEND*** (you have to scroll down to their goal) differs from MOSOP –
- 4) Explain how the Nigerian government has responded to these groups –

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-27658382>

Nigeria schools walk line between Islamic and Western traditions, 2014

- 1) Describe the difference in access in education in northern versus southern Nigeria.
- 2) Describe how access to education for even a small amount of children in northern Nigeria can have a larger impact on entire villages.
- 3) Describe the possible long-term outcomes to modernizing Koranic schools.
- 4) Explain how northern Nigeria's colonial past threatens the desire to modernize education.

<https://www.economist.com/news/middle-east-and-africa/21647361-broken-oil-industry-source-many-woes-crude-politics>

Crude Politics, 2015

- 1) Describe the role that oil has played in the Niger Delta region –
 - a. Explain how this has affected Nigerian politics –
- 2) Fill in the blank – “Nigeria pumps something like _____ per day. These account for most of its _____ and about _____ of government revenue.
 - a. Based on this statement – what is Nigeria considered?
- 3) Describe who the culprits are behind oil theft –
- 4) Describe the consequence for the general population and the economy –
- 5) What is ironic about Nigeria's ability to produce fuel? Describe the circumstances causing this -

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<https://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21600685-nigerias-suddenly-supersized-economy-indeed-wonder-so-are-its-still-huge>

Nigeria's suddenly supersized economy is indeed a wonder; but so are its still-huge problems

- 1) Describe the conditions that have led to Nigeria's present/new status as the 'colossus of the continent.'
- 2) Explain how Nigeria's GDP and GDP per head account for its classification as both growing economically while still lacking developmentally.
- 3) Describe the conditions that can lead to Nigeria's economic progress slowing.

<https://www.economist.com/news/special-report/21731042-road-ubiquitous-electricity-africa-might-leapfrog-straight-cheap-renewable?zid=304&ah=e5690753dc78ce91909083042ad12e30>

Africa might leapfrog straight to cheap renewable electricity and minigrids, 2017

- 1) Describe, using at least three specific pieces of evidence, Nigeria's electricity problem –
- 2) Describe two health problems associated with this –
- 3) Describe two economic problems associated with this –
- 4) Describe two tactics working in favor of Nigeria producing renewable energy and two factors working against –

(VIDEO) <https://www.vox.com/2015/2/18/8060543/what-is-boko-haram>

Boko Haram explain in 3 minutes

Watch the video

Briefly summarize each of the following -

- Goals of Boko Haram –
- Tactics of Boko Haram –
- Atrocities done by Boko Haram –