

Overview

Students will assume the role of advisor to the leader of an East Asian country, read a scenario, and make a policy recommendation.

Length

One–two classes

Materials

East Asia and the Pacific (World101)

Handout (attached)

Instructional Plan

- Assign or have students choose countries from East Asia to represent.
- Assign one or more scenarios from the handout. Have students, alone or in groups, give an oral presentation, as if briefing their country's leader on what to do with the situation.
- Lead a full class discussion on patterns that emerged regarding issues that the region faces.

Extension and Additional Resources

- A writing assignment could replace or be added to the presentations.

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1. The leader of your country would like to improve economic growth in your country. What models should you look to? What ideas is your country best suited to adopt from its neighbors? What unique challenges does your country face?
2. The leader of your country wants to understand the ethnic makeup of the country and related issues better. What is the ethnic makeup of your country? How diverse is it? What challenges does your country face as a result? What opportunities does it have?
3. The leader of your country is concerned about your country's relationship with China. What are the main issues? How might your country learn from the experiences of other countries with similar relationships?
4. A neighboring country is claiming territory to which your country also lays a claim. How best can you address and defuse this situation? Where else have similar territorial disputes happened in the region? What can you learn from them?