

# **In-Class Assignment #2.4 (v3): Population & Migration**

## **China – Political, Economic, Environmental and Social changes**

### ***Contemporary World***



#### **Topic**

*Because of the biggest internal migration in human history, the People's Republic of China (ROC) is undergoing many political, economic, environmental and social changes.*

#### **China Rises (a video documentary)**

*This 4-part documentary examines the many changes that China is undergoing. China was on the march as Beijing prepared for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. China envisioned a new political dawn for a growing nation and was ready to invite the world to see its progress. Today, China is still undergoing numerous political, social and economic reforms.*

#### **Online viewing**

- China Rises – Getting rich (part 1) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEGEQTol5-Y>  
China Rises – City of dreams (part 2) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pBK34t8XTI>  
China Rises – Food is heaven (part 3) : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YlQajYeC\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YlQajYeC_g)  
China Rises – Party games (part 4) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECVtGqtHA1U>

#### **Assignment Instructions**

Step 1: This assignment is to be completed entirely in class during two (2) periods.

Step 2: View the video documentary “**China Rises, Part 1**” (total duration of approximately 50 minutes). You may also refer to Document 1 printed on page 2 of this assignment sheet.

Step 3: Complete the attached graphic organizer (political, economic, environmental and social changes).

Step 4: Use the information on your graphic organizer to write a 500-word handwritten double-spaced response to the above topic statement. Include an introductory paragraph, 4 supporting paragraphs (one for each box of the graphic organizer) and a conclusion.

Step 5: Using a loose-leaf paper, create a handwritten cover page. Be sure to include the assignment number, title, subtitle, your name, your group number, teacher’s name and due date. The school logo is not required.

#### **What to hand in**

The following items must be handed-in and stapled together in the same order in which they are listed below.

1. Your handwritten cover page;
2. Your completed graphic organizer; and
3. Your handwritten final version of your 500-word written response.

**Due date:** \_\_\_\_\_

The assignment is due on the date indicated above. As stated in the course outline, there will be a 10% penalty for every day it is late. The assignment will not be accepted after 3 days of the due date (weekends will count for 1 day).

## Hints for writing an effective response

- Remember to write your response using the thesis essay format. Refer to the following for more information. <http://mansour.lbpsb.qc.ca/documents/other/thesis-history-essay.pdf>
- Make sure to include an introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and a conclusion.
- Introduction: do not write "I will talk about". Firstly, you are not "talking", you are "writing". Secondly, don't say what you will write about, just write it.
- Conclusion: do not write "In conclusion", "As you can see", "I hope you have learned" or other similar phrases. Just make your summary statements.
- Each paragraph must include a topic sentence which tells the reader what the paragraph will be about, 2 or more supporting sentences and a closing sentence which summarizes the paragraph and/or links the current paragraph to the next.
- Avoid words such as "like", "a lot", "lots", "a lot of" and other street jargon.
- Use the same verb tense throughout your text: <http://mansour.lbpsb.qc.ca/documents/other/verbtenses.pdf>.
- Avoid receiving a zero for plagiarism [www.uottawa.ca/plagiarism.pdf](http://www.uottawa.ca/plagiarism.pdf).

## Document 1

### Migration in China

On top of the existing 103 million urban migrants, Chinese cities will face an influx of another 243 million migrants by 2025, taking the urban population up to nearly 1 billion people. In the medium and large cities, about half the population will be migrants, which is almost three times the current level.

China's government influences the pattern of urbanization through the Hukou permanent residence registration system, land-sale policies, infrastructure investment and the incentives offered to local government officials. The other factors influencing migration of people from rural provincial areas to large cities are employment, education, business opportunities and higher standard of living.



*Migrants moving away from the country*



*Migrants moving towards the large economic centers*

As the Chinese government closes and restructures state enterprises, millions of urban workers are being displaced, including 12 million in 1997. The People's Daily, the Communist Party paper, urged unemployed state workers in urban areas to "learn from rural migrants" and accept difficult, dirty and dangerous tasks in construction and services.

Sources: "Migration in China" (online), Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.". "China: Internal Migration" (online), Migration News, <http://migration.ucdavis.edu/>

