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Democratization Briefing Paper

**Directions:** *You may write or type your answers on this document.*

**Introduction**

1. Democratic Regime:
2. Procedural Democracy:
3. Substantive Democracy:
4. Democratization:
5. Summarize the 3 “waves” of democratization (1-2 sentences)

**Preconditions of Democratization**

1. Describe the difference between an economically efficient country and an economically inefficient country.
2. What role does modernization play in the democratization process?

**International Environment for Democracy**

1. Describe three ways that the development of democracy is influenced by other states:

1. Describe the importance of rule of law in developing a democracy.

**Breakdown of Authoritarian Regimes**

1. Sources of authoritarian breakdown:
2. Democratization from above:
3. Democratization from below:
4. Personalistic authoritarian regimes:
5. Single-party authoritarian regimes:

**Outcomes of Democratization**

1. Describe democratic consolidation:
2. What is the most powerful factor shaping democratic consolidation? Why?
3. Under what circumstances will consolidating a democracy often fail?
4. What percentage of the world’s democracies are “partial” or “illiberal”?

1. Explain the largest policy consequence of a successful democratic consolidation?
2. Explain other political consequences.
3. How does democratic consolidation directly and indirectly help economic growth?
4. Define democratic responsiveness:

**Democratization in Six Countries**

1. Identify the status of democratization for each country:
   1. Great Britain
   2. Mexico
   3. Russia
   4. Nigeria
   5. Iran
   6. China
2. Describe the Freedom House’s ratings:
   1. Political Rights:
   2. Civil Liberties:
3. Describe the relationship between European Union members and democracy.
4. What made Mexico partially democratized in the 1970s?
5. Compare Mexico’s democratic development with the rest of Latin America.
6. Summarize Nigeria’s democratic experience.
7. Compare Nigeria’s democratic experience with the democratic status of the rest of Africa.
8. What changes in the Soviet Union encouraged democratization in the 1980’s?
9. What happened to Russian democracy in the 1990’s?
10. What event ended Iran’s brief period of freedom?
11. Compare religious rights in the Middle East to that of the rest of the world.
12. What ended China’s brief period of political liberalization?
13. How does China’s political rights score compare to the rest of Asia?