

1. What do you consider the major requirements for a functional democracy? Provide an example of a Third World country where these requirements are present or lacking, and explain why.

2. What do the authors of Why Nations Fail mean by the term "institution?" Why do they consider the development and maintenance of strong institutions in Third world countries, critical to their growth and development?

3. Discuss how European colonization of Asia, Africa, and Latin America affected the indigenous cultures of these regions, and framed the types of social, economic, and political institutions developed by the states which emerged in these regions.

4. The authors of the course text have given much attention to analyzing the "third wave" of democracy; highlighting in some detail its merits and failures. (1) Why has democracy been so difficult to implement in the Third World? (2) If democracy appears to be so basic to sustained growth and development in the Third World; explain why China, which is not democratic, has been so economically prosperous, particularly over the past two decades.