

Afghanistan-Pakistan-India:

MMU vs. Musharraf
Northwest Frontier Provinces (NWFP)
Tribal territories (N. and S. Waziristan)
Current Afghan factions and supporters, pseudo-states
Ethnic groups of Afghanistan
Taliban resurgence in Afghanistan, role of Pakistan (Where? How?)
International interests in Afghanistan, historical and current
Life expectancy, birthrate in Afghanistan
Status of women
Poppies/opium
Mughal (Mogul) Empire
Division of British colony in 1948
Congress Party – Gandhi/Nehru vision
Dalit (untouchable) caste
Hindutva
BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) and philosophy
Neo-liberalism
Green Revolution
India's silicon plateau (Bangalore)
Ayodhya
Punjab
Sikhs
Kashmir
East Pakistan exclave – Bangladesh
1971 Pakistan division
Jammu and Kashmir control zones and population distributions

Africa:

Congress of Berlin
“Great Power” competition in Africa
colony and neo-colony
Resource economies in Africa, specifically oil, cocoa, and other high-value commodities
Mismatch of political & ethnic boundaries
African Union
Pan-African Movement / African socialism (Kwame Nkrumah)
Lagos Plan of 1980 as related to the Pan-African Movement
Corrupt / non-democratic regimes
Aid dilemma
Coups d'état, specifically in the Sahelian belt – why?
Locations in West Africa of 4 countries in civil wars – Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone,
Cote d'Ivoire
Resource wars
Congo World Wars

Spillover into Congo from Rwanda conflict
Apartheid
Structural Adjustment Programs
commodity (cash) agriculture (versus traditional agriculture)
subsistence agriculture
polyvarietal strategy for coping with famine
'wheat trap'
Sahel
Desertification and its effects
famine
Disease in Africa – endemic, epidemic, and pandemic
Distribution of AIDS in Africa – major clusters and low rates
environmental degradation
CPRs (common property resources)
population growth
Human Development Index (HDI)

Nigeria Case Study

State and nation in Nigeria
Ethnic groups: Ibo, Yoruba, Hausa, Ogoni
Coups d'etat
Role of resources in starting the conflict?

Middle East:

Spread of Islam and examples/definitions of diffusion processes (spatial; expansion and relocation; contagious and hierarchical)
Ottoman Empire
Colonial divisions – French and British – Sykes-Picot Agreement (1916)
Treaty of Sevres
Kemal Ataturk
Kurdish areas – division among 3 major states
The Kurds as a nation without a state
PKK
Euphrates River valley – cultural hearth
Fertile Crescent
OPEC countries – major oil exporters in Middle East
Islamic states – secular and theocratic *(examples)
Shari'a law
Shia vs. Sunni Islam - locations
Locations of major countries and iconic sites (Mecca, Jerusalem, Qom, etc)
Iconographic sites in Jerusalem, specifically the Temple Mount, al-Aska Mosque and the Western Wall
Zionism
Middle East as a 'shatterbelt' – which characteristics does it have?
British Mandate in Palestine 1922-48

Expansion of Israel – location of the “Green Line”
Location of security fence
Judea/Samaria – West Bank
Kibbutzim and Moshavim
Mitzpim
Der Judenstaat
Eretz Israel – Covenant
Balfour Declaration 1917
Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews – origins/timing of immigration
Maps of Israel – comparing the partition plan to the 1948-1967 division
Location of Palestinians – within Israel, West Bank/Gaza, diaspora countries
PLO and Hamas
Potential peace agreements – who wants what?
Post-Zionist Israel – what would this entail?
Strait of Hormuz – Chokepoints
Baathist Party
Shia locations
UN Oil for food program
Ottoman era division of Iraq
American actions in the Middle East – CENTO, coup against Mossadegh, military mobilization under Carter, Islamic Revolution in Iran
Ethnic vs. religious divisions in Iraq
Iran-Iraq War, 1980-1988
Economic problems of Iran – resource economy
A new ‘containment’ paradigm – Iran