AP Comparative Government

Nigeria Study Guide

Use the PowerPoint on the website (today’s date), or your book, to complete the following.

**Lesson #1: Nigeria’s Geography & Population**

1. Describe ethnicity in Nigeria (including the 3 largest ethnic groups).
2. What impact have ethnicity and religion had on Nigeria’s ability to develop politically and economically?
3. The capital of Nigeria was moved from Lagos to Abuja in 1991. What might be the reason for the move?
4. Analyze the population pyramid and literacy chart. What conclusion can be made about Nigeria’s level of development based on this information? How does Nigeria’s development compare to the other countries we have studied?

**Lesson #2: Nigeria’s History**

1. What impact did British colonialism have on Nigeria?
2. When did Nigeria become independent?
3. Summarize Nigeria’s experience with self-rule since becoming independent. Explain the factors that have created this situation.
4. What is the current trend for the type of government rule? Do you think it may last or fail?

**Lesson #3: Nigeria’s Constitution:**

1. Is Nigeria federal or unitary according to the Constitution? Why do you think this form of government was established?
2. How many states does Nigeria have?
3. What is the name of the legislature? What are the names of the two houses?
4. What are some of the powers of the legislature?
5. What type of courts are set up?
6. What does the Constitution say about church and state?

***Chapter II***

1. What are some ways that the government will provide for the general welfare?
2. What are some foreign policy objectives?
3. What are some qualifications to be a citizen? The president?

***Chapter IV Fundamental Rights***

1. Identify some fundamental rights according to the Nigerian Constitution:

***Chapter V The Legislature***

1. How many Senators from each state? How many members of the House?

***Part D Elections***

1. What is the role of the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC)?
2. Who is qualified to vote?

***Chapter VI The Executive***

1. What are the requirements to be President of Nigeria?
2. What are some unique requirements to be elected President of Nigeria?
3. What might disqualify an individual from being President of Nigeria?
4. What does the Constitution say about the police force?
5. What are some of the requirements of political parties?

***Chapter VII The Judiciary***

1. How many Judges in the Supreme Court?
2. What is said about the Sharia appeal court of Abuja?
3. What does it say about the Sharia appeal court of the states?

**Lesson #4: Oil and Political Corruption**

1. Analyze the table on the Percentage Contribution of Different Sources of Government Revenue to Allocated Revenue. What term can be used to describe the trend in the table? Which countries in the AP6 besides Nigeria have relied heavily on oil for revenue?
2. What is the source of political conflict discussed in the “Blood for Oil” article? Who is profiting in this article? Who is left out of the profits? Who is being harmed and why?
3. When in Nigerian history has similar conflict occurred?
4. Identify/describe potential consequences of this conflict.
5. Define Prebendalism. How has oil contributed to this practice?
6. Analyze the Corruption Perception Index table. How does the relationship between oil and political power influence Nigeria’s CPI rank/score?