ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:
- How has the Coronavirus impacted your life?
- How did the available resources of China impact its ability to prosper?

PROCEDURES:
- Assignment #1 Read the journal entry prompt.
- Construct a journal entry that answers the questions in the prompt.
- Assignment #2 Read the text on China’s coal industry.
- Complete the fill in the blank and short answer questions below.

WORK TO BE RETURNED:
- Primary source/Journal Entry for Week #2
- Questions about China’s coal industry.

RESOURCES:
- Writing prompt for Diary/Journal Entry #2; Reading - China’s Coal Energy

TIME ALLOCATED:
- 2 (30) minute Assignments

Assignment #1

China’s Coal Energy

Like oil, coal is a fossil fuel, but it is a solid black or brown rock that is formed from decaying plant matter that has been pressed together for millions of years. Because this process takes so long, Earth has a limited supply of coal.

The main use of coal is in the production of electric power. Coal is made mostly of carbon, which can be easily lit and burned. This produces energy in the form of heat. The heat from the burning coal makes steam that drives the engines in electric power plants.

China is the world’s largest producer of coal. Many parts of China have coal deposits, but the most productive coal fields are located in the north. Coal is mined, or dug up, from deep inside Earth. China has about 25,000 working coal mines.

China is also the world’s largest consumer of coal, meaning it uses the most coal. The country is dependent on coal for fuel. About 70% of China’s electrical energy comes from coal-burning plants.
A. Fill in the blanks below, using the information from above to help you.

1. Coal is a natural ____________________.
2. China is the world’s largest ________________________ of coal.
3. Most of China’s electric ________________________ comes from coal.
4. In 2000, China produced and ______________________ about the same amount of coal.
5. By 2020, almost five ____________________ tons of coal are expected to be produced in China.
6. According to the chart, China produced a much ______________________ amount of coal in 2010 than it consumed.
7. The heat from burning coal is used to produce ____________________.
8. Because coal is a form of __________________ it can be easily burned.

B. Use the map and information above to answer the questions.

1. Where are there more coal deposits in China, in the east or west?
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2. About how many coal mines does China have?
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3. Which part of China has the most productive coal fields?
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C. Based on the information above, is coal an important natural resource for China? State your claim and support it with at least three details from this document.

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Assignment #2

Creating a Primary Source Document

READ Remember over the next few weeks, you will be asked to write a diary/journal entry once a week about “Life during the Great Pandemic of 2020.” You will write about what’s going on in the news as it relates to the Coronavirus, how your parent’s/guardian’s lives are impacted, how your life is impacted, and your feelings about what is going on.

TO DO For your second diary/journal entry, explain how your life has changed in the past week because of the Coronavirus. What are things you can no longer do? What things do you miss? Next, tell us about how homeschooling is going. Be sure to include as many specific details as possible.

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