Pol Pot: The Journey to the Killing Fields

1. Describe the background of Pol Pot (Saloth Sar).
   a. Upbringing:

   b. Change in the winter of 1950:

2. What were problems with King Sihanouk?

3. How did the US war with Vietnam lead to an increase in communist membership in Cambodia?

4. Why did Pol Pot order a purge of his own party?

5. Why did he order a second purge in 1975?

6. Give an overall assessment of Pol Pot’s regime after three years. How successful was he at accomplishing his goals?