Review the questions below and develop answers for each using the course materials, the newspaper, periodicals, and your own knowledge and experience. You should prepare an outline for each question. At the Final Exam I will pick three questions at random and you will be able to choose two questions to answer. Come to the exam prepared! There is no mystery here. Those who prepare are going to do better than those who do not.

1) How do the Bush and Obama Administrations differ in their plans to combat terrorism? Which do you think is likely to be more effective? Why?

2) How would a realist view China? How do liberals view China? What do each of these paradigms predict in terms of the stability of future U.S.-Chinese relations? Which view do you think is most accurate? Why?

3) How do the various theories of international relations (realism, liberalism, constructivism, functionalism) explain the origins of international organizations? Which explanation do you find most compelling? Why?

4) In the bargaining theory of war, conflict occurs because adversaries face problems of incomplete information and credible commitment. Based on this view do you think interstate war will be more or less likely in the future? Has modern technology alleviated or exacerbated the problems of incomplete information and credible commitment?

5) Less than 1/6th of the world's population controls 5/6ths of the world's wealth. Do you think this trend will continue in the future? Why or why not? Which states or groups do you think will control the world's wealth in the future? How will this affect world politics (i.e. will it cause more or less conflict)?

6) The world is becoming more connected and interdependent. Today states face numerous collective action problems such as global warming, international banking regulation, pandemics, nuclear proliferation, failed states, terrorism, etc... Discuss the ways that states attempt to solve collective action problems. Do you think countries are getting more or less successful in doing so? Why?