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Afghanistan Reading Questions

Answer the following in your own words and in complete sentences!

1. Define landlocked:
2. The capital of Afghanistan is _____.
3. Afghanistan is made up of _____ different ethnic groups, which makes it hard to unify the Afghan people. The chief common link among their people is their religion of _____.
4. Why did Russian and the United Kingdom compete for control of Afghanistan during the Anglo-Afghan War?
5. How was Afghanistan able to gain their independence? Why did it work?
6. Why was democracy unsuccessful in Afghanistan? Explain.
7. Explain the events that lead to the rise of an established Communist government.
8. Why did many of the Afghan people rebel against the Soviet backed government? How did the Soviet Union respond?

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9. _____ rose to power shortly after the Soviet Union left Afghanistan?
Describe how this new organization changed the lives of the Afghan people.

10. Why did the United States go to war with the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001? What did the US ask of the Taliban leaders, that the Taliban refused?

11. On May 2nd, 2011, the United States killed what man? Why was he the main target of the US in the war?

12. What problems were created when the Taliban were removed from their position of power in Afghanistan that still exists today?