Appendix

Part One:

Take a few minutes to look at the topics with your group. You must decide which topic you are most familiar with and which topic or topics you are least familiar with. Make a list and try to have a reason for your ranking. For example:

We know about the New Prime Minister in Japan because... We are not so sure about the European Debt Crisis because...

Part Two:

Take five to ten minutes and talk with your group about what you know or don't know about each topic. Don't worry if you are not sure about the topic; just try to have something to say about each of the four topics. Make sure your group has something to say about each topic. Any answer is ok, and here are some phrases that might help:

I think this might be about...

Maybe this happened because...

I don't know much about this topic, but...

Part Three:

For each topic, make a list of five words that you feel are connected to the topic. You can choose any word you like as long as you can explain why you/your group feels the words are connected to the topics. For example, let's say your group is talking about the second topic. Here are some words that you could use: war, rebels, conflict...

Part Four

Try to think about the effects each of the events listed will have on the future, what will happen or won't happen because of each event. Any answer is ok, but try to have two predictions/guesses for each topic.