

## Hong Kong Protests: Background Information

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*Instructions:* Use information from the BBC article “Hong Kong’s Democracy Debate” to answer the following questions.

1. In what year did China take control of Hong Kong?
  
2. What is the “one country, two systems” principle? (For example, in what types of affairs does China exert its control over Hong Kong? In what ways are Hong Kong’s government and society separate from China?)
  
3. How is the leader of Hong Kong currently elected?
  
4. Explain the type of elections that China promised would take place in Hong Kong in 2017.
  
5. a. What change to Hong Kong’s election process did the Chinese government announce in August 2014?  
  
b. Why did this upset democracy activists in Hong Kong?
  
6. Why have some Hong Kong residents criticized the protests? What are their concerns?
  
7. How has China responded to the protests?
  
8. Who is Hong Kong’s chief executive?