

This webquest will allow you answer the questions associated with Communist China and the Cultural Revolution.

You will work in pairs in order to complete this webquest. You may use the printed form to keep copies of your answers for your convenience.



There are 34 questions in this survey

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**1 [Q1-1]What is the first student's name? \***

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**2 [Student2]What is the second student's name?**

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**3 [Q1-2]What is your teacher's name? \***

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**4 [q1-3]What is your cohort year? \***

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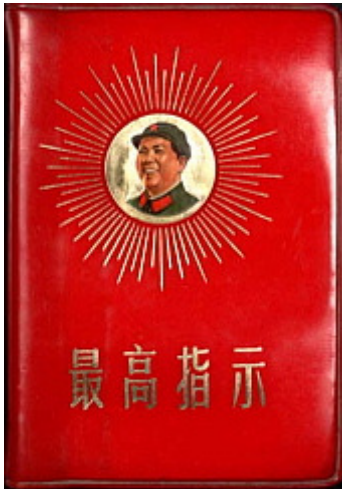
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## Part I - Who is Mao?



1. [Read Mao's Short Biography](#)
2. [Read Mao's Political Biography](#)
3. Answer the questions below.

**5 [q1] Describe the China Communist Party. Who began this organization?**

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Please write your answer here:

**6 [q2] When and how did Mao Zedong come into power? \***

Please write your answer here:

**7 [q3] Who influenced Mao's political beliefs? Simply stated what were those beliefs? \***

Please write your answer here:

**8 [q4] Describe the kind of government Mao led. \***

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**9 [q5] List at least three things Mao accomplished during his rule as head of the Republic of China. \***

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Response #1

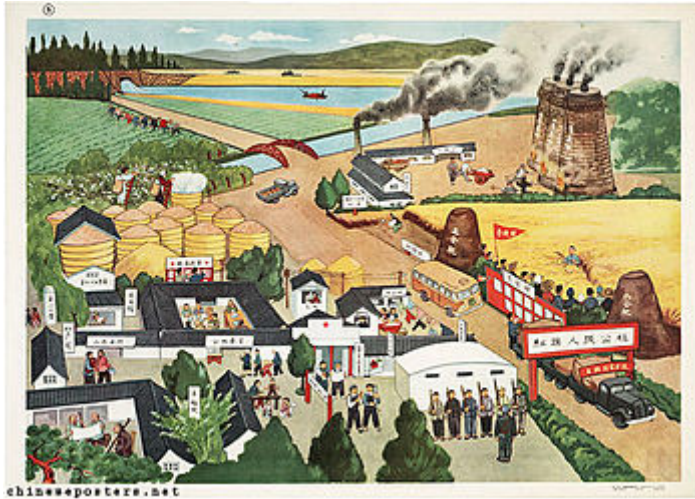
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**10 [q6] When and how did the Mao lose his power?**

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## Part II - What is the Great Leap Forward



1. Watch the video on [The Great Leap Forward](#)
2. Answer the questions below.

**11 [2q1] In 1958, Mao started the Great Leap Program that was meant to make China more money quickly. What was Mao's goal for China according to this video? Who did he want to compete with? \***

Please write your answer here:

**12 [2q2] Describe what a commune is?How did they start?Explain the people of China's reaction to this new program. \***

Please write your answer here:

**13 [2q3] With the idea of communes of 25,000 people; describe what a typical day was like for adults and children.(Think: labor, food, health) \***

Please write your answer here:

**14 [2q4]Explain how did China's competition with the Western world and US was connected to the Great Leap Forward.Why was steel so important? \***

Please write your answer here:

**15 [2q5] Although steel was very important to Mao and making money for China; the government also wanted to focus on farming. What does the expression "The corn will grow higher if desired" mean for China? \***

Please write your answer here:

**16 [2q6] Competition in the communes began to make Mao and the government happy. Soon the government officials began to inflate (or make up) how much grain was grown in the communes and the state would then come to collect the grain to sell and feed the people in the cities. An example is a commune would report raising 10 tons but only grow 5 tons (this is inflation).**

**What happened to the peasants because of these fake numbers? \***

Please write your answer here:

**17 [2q7] Was the Great Leap Forward an economical success (make money for China)? Was it good for the people of China? Explain. \***

Please write your answer here:

**18 [2q8]**

**Because of the Great Leap Forward program's bad farming ideas and weather conditions (drought and floods) from 1958 to 1960, China had one of the worst famines ever.**

**In 1958, there was a lot of grain grown in China, but not enough peasants to pick it. Then in 1959, a chemical was used to get rid of birds that ate locusts (insects that eat crops).**

**What happened to that food supply? \***

Please write your answer here:

**19 [2q9]The famine in China from 1958 to 1960 was created by at least three things. List them in the order you think is the most important. \***

Please write your answer(s) here:

Response #1

Response #2

Response #3

## Part IIb - Famine

1. Read the NY Times article [Mao's Great Leap to Famine](#)
2. Answer the questions that follow.



**20 [2q11] Who are they blaming for the death of over 40 million? Considering that WWII killed 80 million, was the Great Leap Forward a success? \***

Please write your answer here:

**21 [2q10] Worldwide we still do not know about the exact numbers of people who died during the famine in China from 1958-1960 that killed over 30 million Chinese. Why do you think Mao and his party have tried to keep the details secret? \***

Please write your answer here:

## Part III - The Cultural Revolution

22 [3q1]

After the Great Leap Forward program, many people in China wanted reform (change). Mao was afraid that the people wanted to change China from a communist country to a capitalist country like America.

In 1966, he created the Cultural Revolution that basically got rid of anyone against the Communist Party. His supporters created the Red Guard.

1. Please read [Origins of the Cultural Revolution](#)

2. Answer the following questions. \*

Please write your answer here:

23 [3q2] Who were the people of China supposed to pledge their alliance to? Why did Mao need this alliance, what was he afraid of? \*

Please write your answer here:

**24 [3q3]What was the main reason for the Cultural Revolution according to this reading? \***

Please write your answer here:

## Part IIIb - Destroy the Four Olds

Please read [Destroy the Four Olds](#)

Answer the following questions.



**25 [3q5]Who were the Red Guard and what was their main purpose? \***

Please write your answer here:

**26 [3q6]What were the "Old Four"?How did Mao and the Red Guard plan on destroying this concept?Were they successful? \***

Please write your answer here:

## Part IV - Cultural Revolution & the Arts

Please read [Attack of the Arts](#)

Answer the following questions.



**27 [4q-2] Who was Mao's wife? What was her connection to the arts? \***

Please write your answer here:

**28 [4q-3] Why did the Mao government attack the arts? What were they trying to prevent? \***

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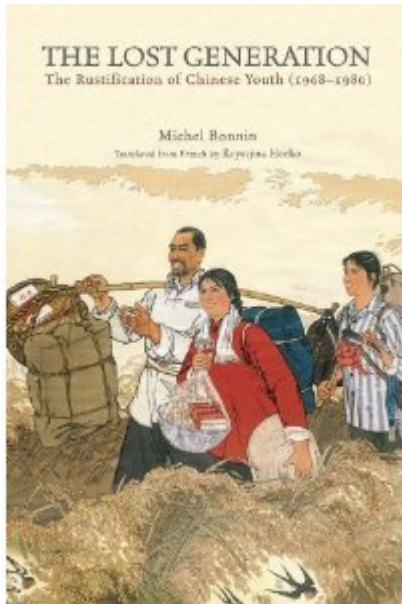
**29 [4q-4] Explain how they were going to get rid of the arts and music from this reading. \***

Please write your answer here:

## Part V - Children in the Cultural Revolution

Please read [The Rustication of Urban Youths](#)

Answer the following question.



**30 [4Q1] Explain the reason Mao wanted the kids of the city to be sent to the country to work. What were they hoping to do? \***

Please write your answer here:

## Part VI - Let the Cartoon tell us...

Please look at the political cartoon below



**31 [5q1]**

**Please look at political cartoon above and summarize in your own words the relationship between the China's beliefs under Mao's rule and the Western world (USA)**

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Please write your answer here:

## Additional Question

**32 [Critique] Critique the success or failure of communism in China. Create a claim question. \***

Please write your answer here:

**33 [Affirm] Affirm (agree/pro/yes/true) your claim with one piece of evidence. \***

Please write your answer here:

**34 [Refute] Refute (disagree/con/no/false your claim with one piece of evidence. \***

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