

Communist Revolution in China

Stop that right Mao!

Civil War

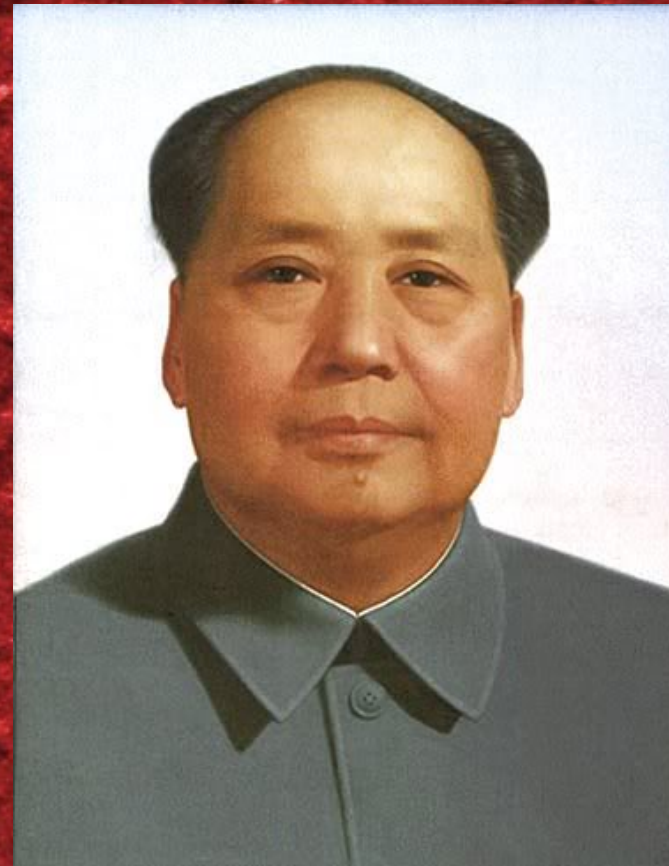
1. After WWII, Civil War = Nationalists v. Communists
2. Communists beat Nationalists in 1949 and establish Peoples Republic of China
3. Nationalists escape to Taiwan



Mao Zedong

1. Communist leader
of China 1949-1976

1. “Chairman Mao”



Becoming Communist

1. Land taken from wealthy landowners and given to peasants
2. Farmland collectivized
3. Industry and commerce are nationalized



The Great Leap Forward 1958

1. 1958- Chinese economic plan aimed at revitalizing all sectors of the economy
2. Complete failure
 1. Crop failures
 2. 20-30 million die of starvation



Cultural Revolution 1966

1. Mao's attempt to "refresh" revolutionary passion
2. Eliminate all non-communist ideas from people



Red Guard

1. Groups of young people who helped Mao carry out the Cultural Revolution
 1. Purges
 2. Persecuted Chinese teachers and intellectuals
 3. Book burnings
 4. Facilitated mass relocations
 5. Encouraged Mao's cult of personality
2. 1 million killed

