



▲ Summary diagram: The Cultural Revolution and its aftermath, 1966-76.

Recommended reading

- L. Feigon, *Mao: A Re-Interpretation* (Ivan R. Dee, 2002). Revisionist account of Mao's rule, particularly Chapter 8 'The Cultural Revolution Revisited' that stresses the more positive aspects of the event.
- G. Yuan, *Born Red: A Chronicle of the Cultural Revolution* (Stanford University Press, 1997). Recollections of a former Red Guard. Disturbing account of how the idealistic student movement quickly descended into jealousy and violence.
- R. Mao Zedong and *China in the Twentieth-century World: A Concise History* (Duke University Press, 2010). Highly readable account. Chapters 8 and 9 focus upon the Cultural Revolution up to the death of Mao.
- A. Lawrence, *China under Communism* (Routledge, 1998). Chapter 6 provides a concise and readable account of the Cultural Revolution. A good starting point for readers interested in the topic.
- R. Macfarquhar and M. Schoenhals, *Mao's Last Revolution* (Harvard University Press, 2006). Expansive scholarly treatment, highly detailed but readable, authoritative text.
- D. Priestland, *The Red Flag: Communism and the Making of the Modern World* (Penguin, 2009). Not focused solely on China, but on the whole of the communist world, Chapter 8 compares the Cultural Revolution to events in other communist countries.
- R. Terrill, *Madame Mao: The White-Boned Demon* (Stanford University Press, 1992). Biography of Jiang Qing. Chapters 6 and 7 focus on her role in the Cultural Revolution and her attempt to succeed Mao as ruler of China.