**How accurate is it to say that the Cultural Revolution was a success for Mao?**

**Suggested Possible Paragraphs:**

Can you think of any others? Please amend if you wish?

Successes:

* CR increased Mao’s power over the party and enabled him to purge his rivals.
* The loyalty of the PLA to Mao had been strengthened.

Failures:

* Destroyed Mao’s credibility among the younger generation.
* CR had a damaging effect on China’s economy and education.
* Failed in the long term to keep China off the ‘Capitalist road’ / radicalism of Mao rejected in favour of more pragmatic rule under Deng after the death of Mao.

See impact of the Cultural Revolution document in the revision notes section for suggested evidence for paragraphs