**Mao’s China 1949-76**

**Revision Ticklist**

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| Topic | Areas you should revise | Revised |
| 1. **Establishing Communist Rule, 1949-57**
 | 1st time | 2nd time | 3rd time |
| 1. China in 1949
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How serious were the problems facing the People’s Republic of China when it was set up in 1949?* |  |  |  |
|  | * The aftermath of the civil war of 1946-49
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|  | * The state of china’s industry
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|  | * The state of china’s agriculture
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|  | * The state of china’s national infrastructure
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| 1. The new power structure
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How successful were the communists in creating a political system that would give them control of power in the PRC?* |  |  |  |
|  | * The role of the CCP
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|  | * The role of the government
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|  | * The role of the bureaucracy
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|  | * The role of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA)
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|  | * Mao’s dominant position within government
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|  | * The growth of democratic centralism
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| 1. China and the Korean War
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *To what extent did involvement in the Korean War affect the development of the PRC?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Its role in enhancing CCP control
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|  | * Its role in suppressing opposition
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|  | * Its role in promoting national unity
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|  | * The human costs of intervention in Korea
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|  | * The financial costs of intervention in Korea
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|  | * China’s enhanced international prestige
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| 1. Defeating the CCP’s opponents
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How effectively did the Communist Party deal with opposition?*  |  |  |  |
|  | * The ‘three antis’ movement
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|  | * The ‘five antis’ movement
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|  | * The use of terror against opponents of Communist rule
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|  | * The reunification campaign in Tibet
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|  | * The reunification campaign in Xinjiang
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|  | * The reunification campaign in Guangdon
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|  | * The development of the Laogai system
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|  | The Hundred Flowers movement, 1957 and aftermath |  |  |  |
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| 1. **Agricultural and industrial changes, 1949-65**
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| 1. Early changes in agriculture, 1949-57
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How and why did the system of land ownership change during 1949-57?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Attacks on landlordism
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|  | * The redistribution of land
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|  | * Moves towards agricultural cooperation
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|  | * The change from voluntary to enforced collectivisation
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| 1. The Communes
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *What was the impact of the People’s Communes after 1958?* |  |  |  |
|  | * The organisation of the communes
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|  | * Communal living
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|  | * The abolition of private farming
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|  | * Lysenkoism
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|  | * The great famine of 1958-62
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|  | * The restoration of private farming by Liu Shaoqi and Deng Xiaoping.
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| 1. The First Five-Year Plan, 1952-56
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How successful was the First Five-Year Plan, 1952-56?* |  |  |  |
|  | * The USSR’s financial and technical support
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|  | The Plan’s targets, successes and failures. |  |  |  |
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| 1. The Second Five Year Plan (the Great Leap Forward), 1958-62
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *What was the impact of the Second Five-Year plan (Great Leap Forward), 1958-62?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Mao’s reasons for launching it
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|  | * State-owned enterprises
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|  | * The successes and failures of the second Plan.
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|  | * The Lushan conference of 1959
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|  | * Liu, Deng and economic reform, 1962-65
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| 1. **The Cultural Revolution and its aftermath, 1966-76**
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| 1. Mao’s reasons for launching the Cultural Revolution
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *Why did Mao launch the Cultural Revolution?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Divisions within the CCP between ideologues and pragmatists and the quest for permanent revolution
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|  | * Attacks on the bureaucracy
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|  | The divisions within the CCP between supporters and opponents of Mao’s policies |  |  |  |
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| 1. The Red Guards and Red Terror
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How effective were the Red Guards in carrying out the Cultural Revolution?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Mao’s hold on young people
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|  | * The mass rallies of 1966
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|  | * Red Guard attacks on the ‘four olds’, ie:
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|  | * Culture
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|  | * Customs
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|  | * Habits
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|  | * Ideas
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|  | * The growth of anarchy and the use of terror
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|  | * Cultural destruction
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| 1. Attacks on Mao’s political and class enemies
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How was the Cultural Revolution used to attack Mao’s political and class enemies?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Liu Shaoqi and Deng Xiaoping
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|  | * Lin Biao
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|  | * The purging of the CCP membership
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|  | * ‘capitalist roaders’ and foreigners living in China
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| 1. Winding down the Cultural Revolution, 1968-76
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How and why was the Cultural Revolution wound down from 1968?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Restoration of order by the PLS
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|  | * Up to the mountains and down to the villages’ campaign
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|  | * The return to power of Deng Xiaoping and Zhou Enlai
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|  | * Reining in the Gang of Four
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|  | * The death of Mao
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| 1. **Social and cultural changes, 1949-76**
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| 1. The changing status of women
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *To what extent did the status of women change between 1949 and 1976?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Foot binding
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|  | * The Marriage Law 1950
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|  | * The impact of collectivisation and the communes on women’s lives
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|  | * Women and the family
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|  | * The nature and extent of change
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|  | * The problem of changing traditional views, especially in the countryside.
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| 1. Education and health provision
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How successful were the changes made to education and health provision?* |  |  |  |
|  | * The growth of literacy
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|  | * Pinyin
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|  | * The collapse of education after 1966
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|  | * The barefoot doctors
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|  | * Successes and failures of health care reform
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| 1. Cultural change
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *Why did the Communists attempt to change Chinese culture?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Attacks on traditional culture in towns
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|  | * Attacks on traditional culture in the countryside
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|  | * The role of Jiang Qing
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|  | * The imposition of revolutionary art and culture
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| 1. Religion
 | **KEY QUESTION:** *How did the Communists seek to destroy the practice of religion?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Attacks on Buddhism
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|  | * Attacks on Confucianism
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|  | * Attacks on Christianity
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|  | * Attacks on Islam
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|  | * Attacks on ancestor worship
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Revision materials:

<http://www.johndclare.net/China0.htm> - Useful website

<http://www.hodderplus.co.uk/modernworldhistory/pdf/maos-china-1930-76.pdf> - Textbook for extra information