**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 |  |  |  |
|  | * The state of china’s industry |  |  |  |
|  | * The state of china’s agriculture |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * The role of the government |  |  |  |
|  | * The role of the bureaucracy |  |  |  |
|  | * The role of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) |  |  |  |
|  | * Mao’s dominant position within government |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * Its role in suppressing opposition |  |  |  |
|  | * Its role in promoting national unity |  |  |  |
|  | * The human costs of intervention in Korea |  |  |  |
|  | * The financial costs of intervention in Korea |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * The ‘five antis’ movement |  |  |  |
|  | * The use of terror against opponents of Communist rule |  |  |  |
|  | * The reunification campaign in Tibet |  |  |  |
|  | * The reunification campaign in Xinjiang |  |  |  |
|  | * The reunification campaign in Guangdon |  |  |  |
|  | * The development of the Laogai system |  |  |  |
|  | The Hundred Flowers movement, 1957 and aftermath |  |  |  |
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| 1. **Agricultural and industrial changes, 1949-65** | |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * The redistribution of land |  |  |  |
|  | * Moves towards agricultural cooperation |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * Communal living |  |  |  |
|  | * The abolition of private farming |  |  |  |
|  | * Lysenkoism |  |  |  |
|  | * The great famine of 1958-62 |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * State-owned enterprises |  |  |  |
|  | * The successes and failures of the second Plan. |  |  |  |
|  | * The Lushan conference of 1959 |  |  |  |
|  | * Liu, Deng and economic reform, 1962-65 |  |  |  |
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| 1. **The Cultural Revolution and its aftermath, 1966-76** | |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * Attacks on the bureaucracy |  |  |  |
|  | 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * The mass rallies of 1966 |  |  |  |
|  | * Red Guard attacks on the ‘four olds’, ie: |  |  |  |
|  | * Culture |  |  |  |
|  | * Customs |  |  |  |
|  | * Habits |  |  |  |
|  | * Ideas |  |  |  |
|  | * The growth of anarchy and the use of terror |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * Lin Biao |  |  |  |
|  | * The purging of the CCP membership |  |  |  |
|  | * ‘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 |  |  |  |
|  | * Up to the mountains and down to the villages’ campaign |  |  |  |
|  | * The return to power of Deng Xiaoping and Zhou Enlai |  |  |  |
|  | * Reining in the Gang of Four |  |  |  |
|  | * The death of Mao |  |  |  |
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| 1. **Social and cultural changes, 1949-76** | |  |  |  |
| 1. The changing status of women | **KEY QUESTION:** *To what extent did the status of women change between 1949 and 1976?* |  |  |  |
|  | * Foot binding |  |  |  |
|  | * The Marriage Law 1950 |  |  |  |
|  | * The impact of collectivisation and the communes on women’s lives |  |  |  |
|  | * Women and the family |  |  |  |
|  | * The nature and extent of change |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * Pinyin |  |  |  |
|  | * The collapse of education after 1966 |  |  |  |
|  | * The barefoot doctors |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * Attacks on traditional culture in the countryside |  |  |  |
|  | * The role of Jiang Qing |  |  |  |
|  | * 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 |  |  |  |
|  | * Attacks on Confucianism |  |  |  |
|  | * Attacks on Christianity |  |  |  |
|  | * Attacks on Islam |  |  |  |
|  | * 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