

**The Cultural Revolution and its aftermath** (page 216-237 *Communist States in the Twentieth Century - Pearson*)

Explain how Mao used the play *Hai Rui Dismissed from Office* to attack his enemy Liu Shaoqi.

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**Why did Mao launch the Cultural Revolution?**

From what date and from what event does the power struggle between Mao and his ministers begin?

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Why was Mao unhappy with the measures taken in the Third Five Year plan?

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Whose attitudes was Mao suspicious of?

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Where and when did the division between the ideologues and the pragmatists first become apparent and why did Mao decide to temporarily withdraw?

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Explain Deng's comments about the irrelevance of a cat's colour.

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Why were Chen Yun and Bo Yibo critical of mass mobilisation?

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Why did they also advocate a conciliatory foreign policy?

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Why did Mao believe so passionately in mass mobilisation?

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What was the aim of the Socialist Education Movement, what were the results of the campaign and why was Mao unhappy with its results?

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### **The quest for permanent revolution**

Explain what permanent revolution meant to Mao

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Why was Mao so critical of Russia?

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Why did the young need to be tested?

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What was Liu's involvement with the Socialist Education Movement and why does this help explain the campaign against Wu Han?

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### **Attacks on the bureaucracy**

Who did Mao see as the new bureaucrats and what was his plan for them?

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Why did Mao's actions go against Marxist theory?

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What was the aim behind the rectification campaign?

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### **Divisions within the CCP between supporters and opponents of Mao's policies**

The Cultural Revolution began as a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Mao circled around his \_\_\_\_\_ and waited for the best moment to pick them off. However he always left himself with an \_\_\_\_\_ strategy in case things did not go according to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Looking at the years 1956-1966 give examples of the tactics above

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Explain what was the wall poster campaign achieved

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What was the significance of Mao's swim in the Yangtze?

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What is the significance of 18<sup>th</sup> August?

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**How effective were the Red Guards in carrying out the Cultural Revolution?**

When was the most chaotic and destructive period of the CR? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Mao choose young people to be at the forefront of the Revolution?

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What was the personality cult of Mao and how was it developed?

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What was the Bombard the Headquarters poster?

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Why did so many people join the Red Guards? (5 reasons)

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**The mass rallies of 1966**

Why was first the rally in Beijing on 18<sup>th</sup> August so important?

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What were the four olds?

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What role did the PLA play in the early days of the revolution?

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**The attacks on the Four Olds**

Why did Mao package the values to be attacked by the four olds?

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Who scrutinised cultural activity and who purified the nation's culture? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was culture of such great importance to Mao?

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Why was the campaign against the four olds ultimately unsuccessful?

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**The growth of anarchy and the use of terror**

Why was there so much violence?

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Why did divisions appear emerge in the Red Guard movement?

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Why did Mao instruct the PLA to clamp down upon the excesses of the revolution in August 1967 and not earlier?

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**Cultural Destruction**

What were the most significant acts of cultural destruction?

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**How was the Cultural Revolution used to attack Mao's political and class enemies?**

**The attacks on Liu and Deng**

Why were the two men removed from their posts?

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Why did Mao make his move against them in late 1965? What was his first move?

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How were Liu and Deng subsequently forced out?

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### **The attack on Lin Biao**

How and why did Lin Biao rise to political prominence and become Mao's chosen successor?

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Why did Mao remove him?

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How did Mao purge Lin Biao?

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Why was news of Lin's fall kept secret until 1972? (Lin died in 1971?)

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What was the significance of Lin's fall from power?

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Are there any similarities in the tactics used by Mao to bring down Liu Deng and Lin?

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### **The purging of the CCP membership**

Who was purged within the party?

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What 'U' turn did Mao make in Shanghai?

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How did Mao reconstruct the party?

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How had the influence of the PLA changed and how had Mao's control over the party changed?

**Purging 'Capitalist roaders' and foreigners living in China**

Who were capitalist roaders?

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What was the impact of attacks upon capitalist roaders?

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How did the attacks continue after the Red Guards had been disbanded?

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Why were these attacks on capitalist roaders potentially counterproductive?

**How and why was the Cultural Revolution wound down after 1968?**

**The restoration of order by the PLA**

Why did Mao finally allow the PLA to clamp down upon the Red Guard in August 1967?

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Why was the PLA happy to cooperate?

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Explain the significance of the 'cleanse the class ranks' campaign

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**The 'up to the mountains and down to the villages' campaign**

Why was this campaign initiated?

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Why were so many disillusioned with this scheme?

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**The return of Deng Xiaoping and Zhou Enlai**

Why was Zhou Enlai never purged?

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What dilemma faced Mao in presenting the story of Lin's fate to the public?

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What were the Four Modernisations?

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Why was it important to secure closer links with the West and how was this achieved?

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When did Deng come back into office and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who was Wang Hongwen? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was Deng purged again? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reining in the Gang of Four**

What influence did the Gang of Four exert?

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Why did Mao not continue his support of the Gang of Four?

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Describe the Tiananmen Square incident and its significance.

### The death of Mao 1976?

When did Mao die and who was to succeed him? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did the Gang of Four fail in their efforts to take power?

### Who am I?

1. I have an acute fear of water so I never wash fruit \_\_\_\_\_
2. I always wear black and carry a whip and am chief of the secret police \_\_\_\_\_
3. I collaborated with Lin Biao in putting together the Little Red Book \_\_\_\_\_
4. I wore a necklace of table tennis balls \_\_\_\_\_
5. I am famed for my cat chat. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I am a PLA lorry driver \_\_\_\_\_
7. I have been denounced as a Big Scab \_\_\_\_\_
8. I visited Beijing in February 1972 \_\_\_\_\_
9. I died in January 1976 \_\_\_\_\_
10. I am China's most influential philosopher \_\_\_\_\_

### Key words/terms

1. Unofficial anthem of the PRC during the Cultural Revolution
2. A method of levelling accusations at political enemies, quick and easy to make requiring ink, brush and paper
3. Programme of movement of people from cities to the countryside.
4. Best-selling book
5. Magnifying the importance and creating a mind-set in which everyone accepted Mao's views
6. Beijing's best known monument, and one that was saved by Zhou Enlai
7. Given responsibility to 'purify' the nation's culture.
8. A model commune in Shanxi that had been 'transformed' by Maoist methods – a propaganda showpiece.
9. The Gang of Four ( and name them)
10. Most famous play that allowed for the attack of Liu by association.