CHAPTER 13

China Becomes a Communist Nation

China was an empire for more than 2,000 years. However, during the 1800s China's trade and some of its land were controlled by imperialist nations. Many Chinese wanted China to become an industrial nation. They did not want China to be controlled by emperors or other nations. Nationalism became very important.

A group of people called Nationalists wanted to change the government of China. A man named Sun Yat-sen was the leader of the Nationalists. In 1911 he helped China become a republic. China no longer had an emperor.

Sun Yat-sen became the president of the new republic. He hoped that all of China would become a democracy. But the new government was weak. Different warlords ruled small parts of China. A civil war began between the Nationalists and China's warlords.

China today is still a strong Communist nation.
China became free of Japanese control.

When Japan lost World War II, all of China became free of Japanese control. The Chinese did not conquer much of China. But the Japanese did not give up. In 1937, Japan attacked China. This time, the Japanese decided that it was a good time to attack China. The Chinese were fighting a civil war. The Japanese knew that in 1937 Japan attacked China.

Communists in China

Communists in China in another civil war.

Mao led the Communists in China.

Chinese peasants were Mao Zedong. Mao started a peasant rebellion. Mao decided to become Communists. One of Mao's goals was to improve the lives of the poor peasants. Mao promised to give people all the freedom they needed. He did this.

By 1938 China was united and ruled by the Communists.

The Nationalists

The rest of the Communists had become the Nationalists. Most of the Communists were defeated. China was at war. But China was not the only country at war. China was fighting against the Soviet Union. The Nationalists and the Communists were at war. The Nationalists asked the Soviets to fight against the Communists. The Soviet Union agreed to help the Nationalists. The Soviets sent arms to help the Nationalists.

Sun Yat-sen

Sun Yat-sen died during the civil war in China. His name became the name of China today.
United States did not want China to be a Communist nation. Since 1972, there have been better relations between the United States and China. But for many years, the United States and China built atomic bombs and had a strong army. They learned how to use them against each other.

In 1949, Mao Zedong led the Communist party in China to defeat the Nationalists. After World War II, the Nationalists in China were defeated. The Communists in China took over again in 1949. China was called the People's Republic of China. The capital is Beijing.

Taiwan is not a Communist nation. The Nationalists have ruled China since 1949. The Nationalists escaped to an island near China. This island is called Taiwan. The Nationalists won China during the war. Later, the Communists invaded China. The Nationalists defeated the Communists. The Nationalists asked for help from the United States. This led to the War of Independence. The Nationalists in Taiwan. What is the capital of Taiwan? Taiwan, What is the capital?
still hope that China will become a democracy.

There is not much freedom in China today. Many people have enough food and can read and write. But there are more people own businesses. Most Chinese
leader, Deng Xiaoqing, is now China's
leader of the country. He is a Communist.

Since 1971 China has changed from a nation
freedom in China after the process ended.
The army, the process ended. There were even less
protesters. Thousands of protesters were killed by
democracy. He sees China ready to reign the

Deng Xiaoqing did not want China to become a
need freedom and democracy.

The students carried signs that said that China
They marched in the streets of Beijing and other

Many Chinese wanted to bring democracy

Many Chinese gained more money.

Chinese people own some farms and businesses.
He helped the growth of business in China. He also
increased China's trade with other countries.

He helped China become a stronger nation.

Deng Xiaoqing became the leader of China's government. A
few years after Mao died, a man named

Many Americans have business in China.

communism. Many of these protesters were killed by soldiers.

in 1989 many Chinese gathered in a square and spoke out against
Red Guards during the Cultural Revolution

Mao Zedong (1893-1976)

People in History
Match Up Finish the sentences in Group A with words from Group B.

Write the letter of each correct answer on the blank line.

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<td>1. Chinese ___ were people who ruled small parts of China.</td>
<td>a. protesters b. warlords</td>
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<td>2. People who speak out against an issue or a government are ___</td>
<td>c. Cultural Revolution d. better relations</td>
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<td>3. One example of ___ between the United States and China is an increase of trade.</td>
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<td>4. The ___ was a time in which the Red Guards closed schools and sent people to work on farms.</td>
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Read and Remember
Write one or more sentences to answer each question.

1. Why did Chiang Kai-shek order the Nationalists to fight the Communists?
2. Why did Japan think 1937 was a good time to attack China?
3. In what ways did Deng Xiaoping help China become a stronger nation?
4. In what ways was Mao Zedong a dictator?
### Leaders of China

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<td>Become President of Taiwan in 1949.</td>
<td>Nationalists</td>
<td>1926</td>
<td>Chiang Kai-shek</td>
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### Reading a Chart

**Skill Builder**

- Deng Xiaoping sent the army to fight protesters in Beijing.
- Mao Zedong led the Communists to gain control of China in 1949.
- Sun Yat-sen became the leader of the Nationalists.
- Chiang Kai-shek started a battle against the Communists in China.
- China and the United States began to trade with each other after 1972.

### Sequencing Events

Write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 next to these sentences to show the correct order. The first one is done for you.

Think and Apply