

Was the world ever in real danger from the Cold War?

Key Words	Definitions
Dynasty	A succession of people from the same family who play a prominent role in business, politics, or another field.
Warlord	A military leader who controls a region, often unofficially, by using force and military power , especially when a central government is weak or absent
Guomindang (Nationalists)	The ruling political party before the Communists took power in 1949.
Chinese Communist Party (CCP)	The political party led by Mao Zedong that founded the People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1949.
The Great Leap Forward	A big plan launched in 1958 by Mao to make China richer and more powerful by changing farming and building industry in the countryside.
Commune	A group of people living together and sharing possessions and responsibilities.
Bourgeois	French word, often used in English, that refers to the middle class, especially those with a conservative or materialistic outlook
The Red Guard	A paramilitary youth group / movement used in the early years of the Cultural Revolution.
State Capitalism	A system where the government still controls key parts of the economy but allows private businesses and foreign trade to grow.
Censorship	When the government controls or blocks access to certain information, such as websites, news, or books.

Dates	Key events
1912	China became a republic.
1949	The Communist Revolution takes place.
1958	Mao begins his Great Leap Forward.
1966	Mao begins his Cultural revolution.
1976	Mao Zedong died.

Key individuals	Why are they important?
Sun Yat Sen	Leader of the first Chinese Republic
Mao Zedong	Leader of the Chinese Communist Party