

China since the 19th century

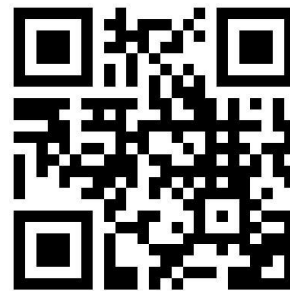
The 20th century in China was marked by the conflict between the Chinese National People's Party (Kuomintang) and the Communist Party, founded in 1921. In the end, the Communists, led by Mao Zedong (also spelled as "Tse-tung"), prevailed. He proclaimed the People's Republic of China in 1949 and began a reorganisation of the country that had far-reaching consequences for the population.

Mao's Little Red Book

- a) Open an Excel File and make three columns. The headlines of the columns should be: What I know, My questions, What I`ve learned. In the first column, write down what you already know about "Mao Zedong" and in the second column, write questions about what you want to know about the "Mao Zedong".
- b) Watch the following short video: "[Mao's Little Red Book](#)" (3:51). If you have difficulties understanding the speaker, switch on the subtitles.
Create a vocabulary list (for example using an Excel spreadsheet) with the words you don't know and look them up in the [online dictionary](#). If you have any questions, your teacher will help you.



Mao's Little Red Book



Online dictionary

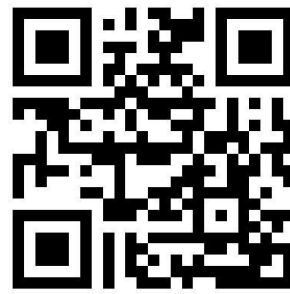
- c) Once you have finished tasks a and b, fill in the third column, where you outline what you have learned about the "Mao Zedong".

"The Great Leap Forward"

- Use your mobile device to scan the QR Code and learn more about "The Great Leap Forward" by watching the video "[The Great Leap Forward \(1958-62\)](#)" (8:36).
- Afterwards create a [mind map](#) with the most important facts mentioned in the video.
- When you are done, get together in pairs (find a partner who you haven't worked with yet) and discuss your results.



The Great Leap Forward (1958-62)



Mind map

Eyewitness of "The Great Leap Forward"

- Imagine you are an eyewitness of "The Great Leap Forward". A historian wants to interview you about your experiences during this process. Prepare some interesting insights of "The Great Leap Forward", as well as some interview questions. That way you can either be the interviewer or the interviewee.
- Then get into pairs (find a new partner) and practice the interview. After 10 minutes swap roles.

Why didn't Mao conquer Taiwan?

- a) Create five true/false questions that summarize the core content of the video „[Why didn't Mao conquer Taiwan?](#)” (3:31). Write down all your questions and the correct answers to all your “No-questions” in a Word file.
If you find it difficult to follow the speaker, go to video settings and reduce playback speed (“Wiedergabegeschwindigkeit”).
- b) Work in pairs and answer your partner’s questions. Then discuss the core message of the video in pairs.
- c) With a new partner, research the current political situation between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan on the Internet and compare the current situation with that of the Mao Zedong era.



Why didn't Mao conquer Taiwan?