Political Geography of China
Dynasty

- A series of rulers from the same family
1900--The Boxer Rebellion

- Chinese rebel against European spheres of influence
- European forces crush rebellion
1916--Warlord Rule

• Nationalist Party leader Chiang Kai-shek subdues warlords and unites China
Late 1920’s – Communism’s popularity grows

- Chiang Kai-shek purges govt of communists and commies forced to S. China
1934--Civil War

Communists (Mao Zedong) Vs. Nationalists (Chiang Kai-shek)

Mao Zedong (Communists) Chiang Kai-shek (Nationalists)
1949--Communist Control

- Commies win Civil War
- Nat’lists flee to Taiwan
- 1\textsuperscript{st} commie leader = Mao Zedong
1958--The Great Leap Forward

- Soviet-style economic planning (5yr plans)
- Collective farms
- Huge factories
- Massive failure – 30 million starve

**EPIC FAILURE!!!**
Cultural Revolution Begins

• Mao Zedong losing popularity & instigates Cult. Rev. to reassert control

• Goal to destroy anything old/Western & revive commie zeal
1968—“Reeducation” and the Red Guards

- 15 mil. sent to farms for “reeducation” in work camps
- Those wise enough to realize Cult. Rev. was bogus were best “reeducation” candidates
1968—“Reeducation” and the Red Guards

- Red Guards (mostly teens) do Mao’s bidding
- schools closed resulting in “Lost Generation”
1976--End of an Era

- Mao dies w/ no clear leader ready to take over
1978--Deng Xiaoping new leader
New economic attitude
“To get rich is glorious!”
The Four Modernizations

1. Agriculture
*Contract Responsibility System: owe a crop quota to govt, can sell the rest for a profit
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2. Industry

Township/Village Enterprises: entire towns dedicated to one factory/craft
Special Economic Zones (SEZ’s)

- coastal areas where foreign companies are allowed to operate
- Foreigners get low cost labor
- China gets economic boost/know how
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3. National Defense
4. Science and Technology
Economic vs. Political Liberalization

- Making $ ok
- Questioning govt not ok
1989--Tiananmen Square

• 2000 students killed during a Pro-Democracy rally
• [http://youtube.com/watch?v=9-nXT8lSnPQ](http://youtube.com/watch?v=9-nXT8lSnPQ)
1997— Return of Hong Kong

- UK owns HK from 1842-1997
- 1997 HK returned to China
- China agrees to not interfere w/ HK economically or politically for 50 years
Political Geography of Korea
The Korean War

At the start of the Cold War, communist North Korea went to war with its capitalist neighbour. The bloody conflict lasted from 1950 to 1953.