### **OPVL Reminders**

- 1. **ORIGIN:** 1-2 sentences that explain where the source came from and that provides information about the author.
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# Deng Xiaoping and the Creation of Modern China

## **Mao's Economic Mistakes**



- Strictly and radically followed
   Communist ideology
- The Great Leap Forward
  - People's Communes
  - Confusion, disorganization and bad weather
- The Great Famine

# "It doesn't matter if the cat is black or white, so long as it catches mice"

- Deng Xiaoping, 1962

In other words.... Outcomes are more important than the means to achieve them! He is critical of radicals who strictly adhered to communist theories and he advocated for policies that would advance China's economic development

# The Four Modernizations

The Dismantling of Mao's Economy

- 1. Agriculture
- Industry and Commerce
- 3. National Defence
- 4. Science and Technology

## AGRICULTURAL REFORM

The Chinese people could be productive without rigid governmental control.

- Families were responsible for working the land through long-term leases
- Lifted price controls
- Allowed to sell goods in the marketplace
- Permitted to leave agricultural jobs
- Results: 7 Years → Economic output increased by 48%

# Industry and Commercial Reform



- Engages in foreign relations,
   which had been halted during the
   Cultural Revolution of the 60s
- Establishes diplomatic ties with the United States
- Creates Special Economic Zones
   SEZ creates small, free market
   cities with tax incentives to
   attract investors and foreigners

## Socialism vs. Communism

#### **COMMUNISM**

- Everything is owned by the working class and everyone works towards the same communal goal
- Ideally, no wealthy or poor -- all equal
- Production from the community is based on need, not on effort or amount of work.
- However, poor production, mass poverty and little advancement

### **SOCIALISM**

- Similar, but less extreme
- The governing body (democratically elected)
  or society owns and operates the means of
  production for the benefit of the workers.
- "From each according to his ability, to each according to his contribution." Everyone in society receives a share of the production based on how much they've contributed.
- Each worker is provided with necessities so they can produce without worry for basic needs

# "Socialism with Chinese characteristics" - Deng Xiaoping

The government manages economic as well as social goods, such as healthcare and education. Most city workers in modern China obtain housing through their workplaces and pay very little rent.

## Tiananmen Square Massacre - June 4, 1989

- Experienced a decade of economic growth and exposure to foreign ideas and institutions
- Students called for democracy and individual freedoms -- peacefully protested in Tiananmen Square for six weeks
- Communist leaders including Deng feared anarchy and insisted on forcible removal
- Martial law Tanks and armed soldiers rolled into the square, killing 700 peaceful protesters
- Proved to the rest of the world that communism could only be maintained through violence



