

Mao's Great Leap Forward

1. How do people in China feel about Mao today? How does that impact the way people talk about the Great Leap Forward?
2. What were some of the problems Mao had to address when he first came to power?
3. Describe the relationship between the Soviet Union and China. What did China get from the Soviet Union and what did they have to give up?
4. What happened during the first round of land redistribution?
5. What did the Hundred Flowers Campaign do and why did Mao start it?
6. How did the Hundred Flowers Campaign and the anti-rightist campaign allow the Great Leap Forward to happen?
7. "Hard work for a few years, _____"
8. Why were sparrows targeted and what was the result of the campaign to eradicate them?
9. What was life like in the communes?
10. Describe the distribution of food in communes. Why was this important?

11. Describe the role of the cadres.
12. Why was it a problem that those in charge knew little about farming?
13. What were the effects of the competition between communes to produce more food?
14. Describe the impact of the lying that occurred around commune production totals.
15. What was the effect of Mao's desire to pay back the loan from the Soviets early? What happened to the people in the countryside?
16. How did the cadres abuse the system?
17. How did the push to make blast furnaces for steel go?
18. "When there is not enough to eat, people starve to death. It is better to let half of the people die
_____."
19. How did the Communist Party actively contribute to the problems in the countryside?
20. Describe the end of the Great Leap Forward.