The Mao Years Video Notes – Provide specific evidence and analysis from the video in order to answer each question or prompt completely. Follow along on pages 127-147 of your Authoritarian States book for more information. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQRaY9sbAqE)

1949 – Mao and the Communist are victorious and come to power in China

1949-1960

* Describe the conditions in China before Mao
* How was Communism meant to work?
* Explain the changes that took place for women in China women Mao came to power.
* Describe the changes that took place in the countryside. What happened to landlords? What happened to peasants?
* Describe Mao’s beliefs, ideology.

June 1950 North Korea invades South Korea

* What role did MacArthur have in bringing China into the war?
* Describe China’s goal in Korea, actions, propaganda.
* What did the end of the war do in the U.S.? China?

Early 1950’s - Enemies without Guns or “The Great Terror”

* Explain what happened to Capitalist.
* Describe Soviet Russia’s influence during this period.
* Describe the Farm Cooperatives and the later Collectivization of Agriculture. Successes? Failures? Challenges?
* Describe the Hundred Flowers Campaign. Why did it happen? What happened when “rightist” protested? How was it determined who was a rightist?

1958 Mao and Khrushchev met to discuss Sino-Soviet Relations

* Explain the attacks on the Nationalist and why Khrushchev did not want Mao to continue his attack on them.

1958 Great Leap Forward

* What were its goals?
* How were these goals to be achieved?
* What was a commune?
* What were the consequences of the small steel furnaces?
* How was agricultural output supposed to increase during the Great Leap Forward?
* Why did the peasants receive less grain during this period? What was done with their grain?
* Why was Peng Dehuai critical of Mao? How did Mao see these criticisms?
* What effects did the famine have on people? Who did they resent? How did they cope? How many died?

1960-1976 - It’s Right to Rebel

* Describe Mao’s Cult of Personality (Dance Parties, Lin Biao’s Little Red Book, swimming the Yangtze)
* Explain Permanent Revolution and how the Communist Party was labeled the enemy by Mao. What was this period called?
* Describe the Red Guards – Who were they? What did they do?
* What old ideas, cultures, customs, habits were attacked?
* What were the consequences of the Cultural Revolution?
* Why were leaders such as Liu Shaoqi and Deng Xiaoping attacked? How were they treated?
* Describe the Red Guards in 1967 and 1968. Why did Mao turn against them? What was the loyalty dance?
* Describe Mao’s solution to unrest and criticism in the cities.
* Who was Lin Biao? Why did he turn against Mao? What happened to him?
* What are some reasons the Cultural Revolution declined?

1972 – Nixon in China

* What was Nixon’s goal in going to China?
* What did the Shanghai Communique achieve or not achieve?

1976

* Explain the major changes that occurred during this year in China
* Zhou En Lai
* Tiananmen Square
* What is Mao’s Legacy?