

Theme	Content	Resources & Reading	Possible Essay Questions
The development of Chinese Communism 1911-1936 Weeks 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes, events and consequences of the 1911 Revolution • 4th May Movement, GMD under Sun Yatsen and Chiang Kai-Shek • Founding of the Communist Party, the GMD/CCP United Front • China under the Nationalists (including the Northern March, Shanghai Massacres, the Jiangxi Soviet and the Long March) 	Lynch, <i>China: From Empire to People's Republic 1900-1949</i> pp1-78; Stewart, <i>China 1900-1976</i> pp1-59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the reasons why the CCP was able to survive attacks on it between 1911 and 1936 (note that this is not part of the examined course)
The Yan'an Period and the Xi'an Incident 1935-1945 Weeks 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the Xi'an Incident and impact on CCP/GMD relations • The Second United Front • Development of Maoism (including the growth of doctrine, role of indoctrination, Mass Line, class struggle and the Rectification Movement) • Relations with the USSR 	Lynch, <i>China: From Empire to People's Republic 1900-1949</i> pp81-94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How far would you agree with the view that the Xi'an Incident was the most important event in the development of the CCP in the period from 1935-1945?
The Japanese Occupation of China and the Sino-Soviet Japanese War 1931-1945 Weeks 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The origins of hostility • The Occupation of Manchuria, The Double Seventh, Nanjing Massacre, 100 Regiments Offensive, role of Yan'an and Red Army • Relations with the USA and the USSR • Relations with Chiang Kai-Shek and the GMD 	Lynch, <i>China: From Empire to People's Republic 1900-1949</i> pp97-119; Stewart, <i>China 1900-1976</i> pp65-76	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the reasons why China was able to defeat the Japanese? Which of these was the most important and why?



<p>The Civil War 1945-1949 Weeks 7-8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of the civil war (aftermath of the war with Japan) • Events and Key Battles (Struggle for Manchuria, Strong Point Offensive, Lioshen campaign, Huaihai campaign, Pingjin campaign) • Reasons for Communist victory and nationalist defeat 	<p>Lynch, <i>China: From Empire to People's Republic 1900-1949</i> pp124-15;</p> <p>Stewart, <i>China 1900-1976</i> pp77-87</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The most important reason why the Communists won the Civil War was their relationship with the peasantry." Do you agree with this statement
<p>The Early Years of the PRC 1949-1956 Weeks 9-10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Control (administration, military councils, registration) • Economic control (landlord liquidation, collectivisation, Five Year Plans) • Social Control (Education, Health) • Relations with external powers (Korean War, USSR) 	<p>Lynch, <i>The People's Republic of China 1949-1976</i> pp19-36;</p> <p>Stewart, <i>China 1900-1976</i> pp88-108</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the success of the PRC in the period from 1949 to 1956.

