Transformation of China
&
The Creation of Israel

Two Countries Created Due to WWII & Influential in the Cold War
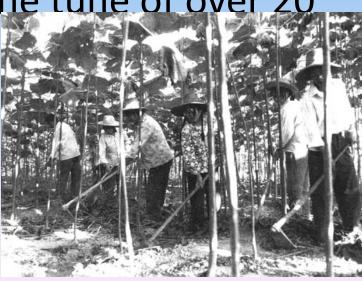
The People's Republic of China

- Civil War continued after WWII 1946-1949
- Mao becomes the **communist** leader of China
- The communists promise changes:
  - Price controls
  - Redistribution of land
  - Large-scale industrial development
  - Increase literacy

The Great Leap Forward

- Created group farms known as **communes**.

- Thousands of people farmed and lived together in dormitories.

- Poor planning & severe droughts brought widespread starvation.

- The program ended in 1960 to the tune of over 20 million casualties.

The Cultural Revolution

- Campaign to create an equal society of peasants and workers

- By purging China of intellectuals, capitalists, and other "counterrevolutionaries."

- The purge was carried out by the <u>Red Guards</u>
  - They imprisoned, tortured, and executed civilians
  - Destroyed art, antiquities, & materials of China's heritage.

Tiananmen Square

- Public plaza in city of Beijing, was the site of the 1989 protests for democratic reform.

- More than a million protested. Tanks & troops entered Beijing to suppress the protest: killing & injuring thousands of protesters.

The Creation of Israel

Zionism

- Zionists sought to unite Jews around the world and settle them in a new Jewish nation-state.

- The **Balfour Declaration** (1917), the British promised to support the Zionists, but could not work out a plan.

- The Holocaust resulted in the deaths of **six million Jews** created massive support

Creation in 1948

- In May, the **United Nations** called for the **partition of Palestine** into a Jewish state.

- The day after Israel was declared a state six countries invaded: **Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Syria.**

Southwest Asia and Northeast Africa, 1922–1934