

The Great Leap Forward

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- SS7H7 The student will analyze the role of conflict and change in Southern and Eastern Asia during the 20th century.
 - A. Describe the impact of Communism in China in terms of Mao Zedong, the Great Leap Forward, and the Cultural Revolution, and Tiananmen Square.

The Great Leap Forward

- What is the Great Leap Forward?
 - A five year plan to develop the agriculture and industry in China
- When did the Great Leap Forward take place?
 - 1958-1963

How did the Great Leap Forward affect China?

- Mao believed that both industry and agriculture had to grow to make the other work. The industry had to be well fed to be good industry workers, and agriculture needed industry to make good tools for them.
- In order to make the industry and agriculture grow, China was reformed into a series of communes.
- A commune is a relatively small, often rural community whose members share common interests, work, and income and often own property collectively.



“Back-yard” production plants

The most famous were 600,000 backyard furnaces which produced steel for the communes.

Card issued to celebrate the Great Leap Forward



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Consequences of the Great Leap Forward

- Political issues began to develop
- People were working too much causing injuries on the job
- The backyard furnace's products were too weak to use in construction
- The backyard furnaces took the workers away from the field, so less food was being produced
- Starvation was widespread

The end of the Great Leap Forward

- By 1960, the Great Leap Forward was abandoned
- Private land was reinstated and the communes were cut down

Answer the following questions

Must be in paragraph form

- What is the Great Leap Forward?
- How did it affect China?
- What is a commune? (in your own words)

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Discussions

- What is the Great Leap Forward?
 - The Great Leap Forward took place in 1958. The Great Leap Forward was Mao's attempt to modernize China's economy so that by 1988, China would have an economy that rivaled America.
- How did it affect China?
 - Caused political issues, starvation, did not help the economy
- What is a commune? (in your own words)
 - a relatively small, often rural community whose members share common interests, work, and income and often own property collectively.

The Next Lesson

- The Cultural Revolution
- Tiananmen Square