

# IMPERIAL CHINA COLLAPSES

# Nationalists Overthrow Qing Dynasty

- ☐ The early 20th century was a time of change in China.
- ☐ Many Chinese resented the great control that **foreign nations** had over their economy.
- ☐ Some wanted to modernize China.
- ☐ They hoped it could regain power.

# Nationalists Overthrow Qing Dynasty

- ☐ One of the leaders of this push was **Sun Yixian**.
- ☐ His group was called the **Kuomintang**, or Nationalist Party.
- ☐ In 1912, he led a revolt that overthrew the Qing Dynasty.
- ☐ A republic was established, and he was made the president.
  - ☐ What is a republic?
- ☐ Sun wanted political and economic rights for all Chinese people.
- ☐ He also wanted an end to the foreign control of China.
- ☐ But Sun did not have the support of the military.
  - ☐ Bang bang.

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- ☐ Six weeks later, he turned over his presidency to Yuan Shikai, a powerful general.
  - ☐ Bang bang again.
- ☐ Yuan became a military dictator.
  - ☐ What is a dictator?
- ☐ After he died in 1916, civil war broke out.
  - ☐ What is civil war?
- ☐ The people suffered terribly from famine and brutal attacks.

# The Impact of WWI

- China's leaders hoped to win the support of the Allies during World War I.
  - ▣ They declared war on Germany.
- When the war ended, though, they were disappointed. ☹
- The Treaty of Versailles did not give China freedom from foreign influence.
  - ▣ It only changed masters.
    - Say whaaaaaaat
- The parts of China that had been controlled by Germany were handed over to Japan.

# The Impact of WWI

- Angry Chinese protested during the **May Fourth Movement**.
- Protesters included **Mao Zedong**.
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- He later became the leader of China's **Communist** revolution.

# What did China's Nationalists want?



# The Communist Party in China

- ☐ In the 1920s, revolutionaries began to look to Marxism and the Russian Revolution for a solution to China's problems.
- ☐ Meanwhile, Sun Yixian became disappointed in the Western democracies.
  - ☐ What is "The West"?
- ☐ They refused to support his struggling government.
- ☐ He decided to become allies with the newly formed Communist Party.



# The Communist Party in China

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- Sun sought Soviet help, too.

  - ▣ Also Communists

- He died in 1925. **Jiang Jieshi** became leader of the Kuomintang aka Nationalist Party.

# The Communist Party in China

- At first, Jiang Jieshi joined with the Communists to try to defeat the warlords.
- These warlords ruled as much of the Chinese countryside as their armies could conquer.
- **Together** the Nationalists and Communists successfully fought the warlords.

# The Communist Party in China

- ☐ Many in the Kuomintang were business people.
- ☐ They now feared Communist ideas about government control of economic life.
- ☐ In 1927, Jiang began fighting the Communists.
- ☐ The Communists were forced into hiding.
  - ☐ Peekaboo son
- ☐ In 1928, Jiang became president of China.
- ☐ Soon China was torn by a civil war (again) between the remaining Communists and Jiang's forces.



**What role did Jiang Jieshi play in creating the civil war?**

# Civil War Rages in China

- ☐ Jiang had promised democracy and political rights to all Chinese.
- ☐ Buuuuuuut his government had become less democratic and more corrupt.
  - ☐ What does corrupt mean?
- ☐ Nothing was done to improve the life of the rural peasants.
- ☐ Many of them gave their support to the Chinese Communist Party.

# Civil War Rages in China

- Communist leader, Mao Zedong, built an army of peasants.
- In 1933, Jiang's army surrounded them.
- But the Communists got away.
  - ▣ Wooohaa
- They began the famous **Long March** of 6,000 miles to the north. Thousands died.
- The Communists settled in caves in Northwest China.

# Civil War Rages in China

- ☐ At the same time, China had other problems.
- ☐ In 1931, Japan *invaded* the part of China called Manchuria.
- ☐ Japan took control there and six years later began invading other areas.
- ☐ With this new threat, Jiang and the Communists agreed to unite temporarily to fight the Japanese.
  - ☐ The enemy of my enemy is my.....

# What finally united Communist and non-Communist forces





# Exit ticket



☐ Your name

☐ How did WWI affect China?

☐ Respond in full sentences