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How Mao-Zedong changed the world

Nowadays, when we talk about Communist system, the first country that comes to everyone's mind, I believe, is China. Communist started by Marx, which laid a significant role to develop of social science and the socialist movement like Plato said that everything in the world is free for everybody. The idea was widely spread into China in 1919. In 1921, a Communist party was officially formed. Then they empowered to become the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. The first person who was presented as the first chairman of the Central is Mao-Zedong. Mao Zedong is a very important Chinese cultural activist, politician and philosopher and a notable figure in the history of China, he has affected China, and our world in many ways.

In personal life, Mao-Zedong was born in wealthy farmer family in Shaoshan, Hunan. From an early age, Mao liked to read a book a lot. He read various styles of books. His favorites are popular novels about history, particularly about rebellions and unconventional military heroes. At age thirteen, after five years of education in the local primary school, his father told him to leave school and come back to work at the farm. But he refused his father. Mao continued to study on his own, and at the age of sixteen, he left home. In 1918 Mao graduated from Ordinary School. He took part in the intellectual and political activity of the May Fourth Movement. He received a

minor post at the Beijing University Library where he met Dean Chen Duxiu(Ch'en Tu-hsiu) and Librarian Li Dazhao (Li Ta-chao), who later became founders of the Chinese Communist Party. He came a Marxist while he was working as a library assistant at Peking University. Mao married Yang Kaihui who is the daughter of his adviser in Beijing University. She was later beheaded by the Kuomintang in 1930. However, in 1928 Mao had begun to live with a teenager of eighteen years old, He Zizhen (Ho Tsu-chen).After nine years, they had five children. In 1937 he got a divorce and married Jiang Qing (Chiang Ch'ing). Mao had been in a bad health condition for several years and had declined visibly for at least six months prior to his death and there were no confirmed reports that he maybe had ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.¹

Mao-Zedong affected our world in many ways. The first reason why he was important is that he led The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, commonly known as the Cultural Revolution. He revolutionized China in a cultural way. Culture and tradition were changed because he wanted to put an end to capitalism and castes in China. For example, He changed education system and everything else that conflict with socialism. Things that refer to Chinese culture were destroyed like temples, statues, and art. A lot of people who has a conflict with Mao-Zedong's idea died, some people were killed or arrested even if they're the high member of communist party. But in every storm, there is also a silver lining. For instance, he improved Chinese into an easier language and decreased the number of people who don't really understand Chinese. He changed the medical system into a better, more Western style. His Cultural Revolution affects the world in advantageous and disadvantageous ways.

¹ Wikipedia contributors. "Mao-zedong." *Wikipedai*, The free Contributor. 15 Sep 2012. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mao_Zedong

While it shows that social class eradication is possible and could be done, it worsened the economic in China, because the entrepreneurs were wiped out, and affects Asia's economy too.

The second reason why he affects the world is he is a politician. Politically, he was esteemed to be a person who makes China strong again after many years of conflict because communist party won the civil war and Mao-Zedong proclaimed the establishment of People's Republic of China. Then his idea about how to govern country is government will have a power because revolution and do not have to care what other people think about you. When he was in power he was very about farmer life's and working class. What he did explains why China is still a communist country today and how it has become one of the powerful countries in the world that every country have to keep an eye on.² Then he has a clear determination to lay the foundation in communism to Asia by using China as a junction. So you can see that communist country nowadays in Asia use maonism to be a principle of live their lives.

And he is also a nationalist who affects the world tremendously. In my opinion, this is because if he doesn't love his country, he wouldn't have tried everything to make China into one of the strongest country in the world. China may

² Encyclopædia Contributors. "Mao-ze dong." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. 15 sep 2012
<<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/363395/Mao-Zedong>>

not be the most powerful country in the world right now, but it has already become one of the powerful countries in the world.³

The last reason why he plays a major role in changing the world is that he was a good philosopher. He has a brilliant mind that can teach and inspire people. Now there are lots of books written about Mao's philosophy that you can easily find in book stores or in the library. You will be inspired by the book once you read it. The examples of such books are four Essays on philosophy, Political Philosophy from Plato to Mao, Mao-Zedong on Dialectical Materialism. And these books that I mentioned above are only a part of the collection; you can also find it in the internet for free.⁴

From all the reasons above, it shows the importance of Mao-Zedong. Without a doubt, he was one of the historic people our world has ever hosted. You can see that this man has a bright side and dark side in himself. In a bright side of him you can choose and make it to be your inspiration for your life or career may be one day you can be great like him in the future and be the people who the world memorizes. But in dark side of him, we should learn and memories how it is effect to our world and your surroundings. And not do it when you grow up or when you have a power in your hands.

³ Ambassador Chas W. Freeman." Mao Zedong: Nationalist in Spite of Himself." *Mepc*. 15 sep 2012
<<http://www.mepc.org/articles-commentary/speeches/mao-zedong-nationalist-spite-himself?print>>

⁴ Tom Weston." Mao Zedong as a Philosopher." *Sdsu*. 15 sep 2012
<http://philosophy.sdsu.edu/Syllabi/FA2011_Weston_575_Syllabus.pdf>