

Alex's Chinese Timeline



The Construction of the Great Wall.

The Great Wall was originally 4 barricades that were built in the 7th century B.C. The Four walls were connected by Qui Shi Huangdi, the first Chinese emperor during the Qui Dynasty (221 B.C - 206 B.C). During the Ming Dynasty (1368 - 1644) the Great Wall was renovated with watch towers and cannons added and elongated to 6,400 kilometers (4,000 miles). All the renovations took over 200 years!



Mao Zedong proclaims the establishment of the People's Republic.

After the overthrow of the Republic of China, Mao Zedong, a communist leader and 62 other people in the communist party proclaimed the establishment October 1, 1949 and formed the People's Liberation Army.



Zhou Enlai's death.

Zhou Enlai, a communist leader who grew up in China and was involved in many radical movements which led him to a couple of months imprisonment. Zhou was also the founder of the Chinese Communist party. After Chiang broke with the communists many of his former allies were executed and Zhou became a fugitive. He later died January 8th, 1976 after falling ill.



10 years of Cultural Revolution.

In 1966 Mao Zedong launched the Cultural Revolution. The Revolution was an attempt to change the 4 olds, old customs, old cultures, old ideas and old habits. During this time Red Guard soldiers would go into towns and kill people who defied the rules put forward by the communist government. The Cultural Revolution ended in 1976.



Demonstrations by college students.

On June 4, 1989 college students that were protesting in Tian An Men were massacred. This massacre followed weeks of protesting over the terms of the Treaty of Versailles. The students were also protesting because they wanted democracy. After the massacre the Chinese government tried to do a lockdown on everything leaving the country so that no one would know about it. Still to this day people don't know how many people died in the massacre and the weeks of human rights violations that followed.