



My China Timeline



Construction of the Great Wall of China begun around 770bc-476bc

The Great Wall was built to prevent attacks from other states and provinces. The main part of the Great Wall built through three dynasties. The Great Wall used to be many different walls. It was not until the Qin Shi Huang Dynasty that the walls were connected.



Mao Zedong proclaims the establishment of the Peoples Republic October 1, 1949

When Mao proclaimed the people's republic the people were put into four social classes: the workers, the peasants, the petit bourgeoisie and the national capitalists. This worked for a few years then the people didn't like being treated unfairly.



Zhou Enlai dies January 1976

Zhou had discovered a few years before his death that he had cancer. The year of his death was the year Zhu De died in July and Mao Zedong died in September. Many mourned Zhou's death, for he was against the cultural revolution.



Ten years of Cultural Revolution October 1966 - October 1976

The Cultural Revolution was when The Red Guards enforced people to get rid of the four olds: old ideas, old culture, old costumes and old habits. Mao was the founder of the Communist Party. He played a big role in the establishment of the Red Army. The Red Guards and the CR authority grasped the power of China. The Red Guards would kill any one who believed in the four olds.



Demonstrations by students in Tiananmen square April 21, 1989 - June 4, 1989

On April 21, 1989 in Beijing, around 100,000 people, most of them university students, gathered in Tiananmen square to mourn the death of reform leader Hu Yaobang. Soon demonstrations by the students began for fairer treatment. The government didn't listen, so on May 13, 1989, more than 2,000 students began a hunger strike in the square to try to make the government listen to their plead. Tanks began to come and scare the students away. Wang Dan the student leader called for a city wide march, May 27, 1989, after a week earlier protesters had lied down forming a wall in front of tanks, which was against martial law. On June 4, 1989 tanks and the Peoples Liberation Army stormed Tiananmen overnight killing thousands maybe millions and ending all ...