What was the condition in China during this era?

- What is communism?
- Everyone in society should be equal, equal standing, equal belongings, etc.
- How it would be if everyone in the U.S. who has “more”, was asked to give up their things to those who have less?
China’s Cultural Revolution

- At the end of the lesson SWBAT recall specific information about the conditions in China during this era by completing 5 W’s Graphic Organizer about the Chinese Cultural revolution.
Introduction

- The Cultural Revolution took place from 1966 to 1976.
- Mao Zedong was the leader of the Cultural Revolution.
- Mao organized a group of young people, and their goals were to spread the idea of socialism around China.
- How did China’s Cultural Revolution affect the Chinese people and the economy of the country?
Chairman Mao Zedong

- Mao Zedong was the former communist leader of China.
The RED GUARDS

- The Cultural Revolution could also be described as the time when young Chinese citizens, called Red Guards, fought against the democratic society.

- Much respect and many rewards were given to the Red Guards; therefore Mao was able to gather many student volunteers.
A Young group of Red Guards Mao gathered to fight against democratic society.
Effects on Schools and Students

- For those who stayed in school until graduation, they were sent to the countryside, because Mao thought it was necessary for graduates to be re-educated by farmers and peasants.

- Four million high school and college graduates and sixteen million students were sent to the farmland where they ended up working the farms and performing manual labor.

- Problems arose for most of the young people due to the scarcity of food, housing, and money.

- Many talented students talents were wasted, because they were stuck working in the fields until the revolution ended.
The Cultural Revolution

- The Cultural Revolution was based on the belief that school should be simpler, and the more books a person read, the more unintelligent they become.

- Mao wanted to brainwash Chinese society - especially young people - and create Chinese citizens who would grow up to become uneducated and mindless.
The Gang of Four

- Pictured Here are the original Gang of Four members.
The Cultural Revolution caused China’s economy to collapse.

The amount of rice grains produced a year decreased greatly and cotton production also dropped dramatically.

Due to the decreased production, the price for rice increased, and the price for cotton fabrics and clothes also increased.

Transportation also became a problem for the people of China, as industrial production dropped during the ten harsh years.
Effects on Economy and Families

- The Cultural Revolution led many citizens to lose their possessions. Politicians, landowners, and the high class society lost their jobs and properties. The lives of many Chinese were changed for the worse.

- More citizens became peasants and worked in the farms in order to afford foods and earn money for their families.
Results

- The death of Mao and the purge of the Gang of Four in 1976 marked the end of the Cultural Revolution.
- The Eleventh Party Congress officially ended the Cultural Revolution in December of 1977.
- Throughout the ten years, many people were left in poverty and for many, educational opportunity was forever over.
- The burden of the ten years known as Mao’s Bloody Years left a burden on China that continued after the end of the Cultural Revolution.
Results

- The educational systems took many long years to repair.
- The greatest impact of all was that all educational opportunities and potential productive careers were denied to people who experienced the Cultural Revolution during their teens and early adulthood.
- For some people, their lives changed for the better as they were able to escape the hardships of the Cultural Revolution.
- As for most, the nightmares of the Cultural Revolution still linger and escaping that piece of reality is only hope, because the collapse of the economy and government had huge impacts on their lives which took years and years to restore.
What to do?

- Let’s recall specific information about the conditions in China during this era...

- Complete the 5 W’s Graphic Organizer about the Chinese Cultural revolution.

- Any questions?