Journal 5/14/18

• Do you think communism could ever work?
• Explain why or why not and use examples from past lessons to support your claim.
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The Collapse of Chinese Imperial Rule
I can’t seem to recall what we already know about China…
Dynasty is founded by a powerful leader

Period of Rebellion, dynasty overthrown

Period of Decline
  - higher taxes
  - social services decline
  - natural disasters

Leader loses Mandate of Heaven

Period of great power and prosperity
  - restores peace
  - restores glory to country
  - builds roads, irrigation systems, improves everyday life of people in dynasty

New leader gains Mandate of Heaven
Han Dynasty
(206 BC–220 AD)
Sui Dynasty
(581-618)
Song Dynasty
(960-1276)
Yuan Dynasty
(1271-1368)

Mongol Empire
Ming Dynasty
(1368-1644)
Qing Dynasty (1636-1912)
The Opium Wars

Empress Dowager Longyu
China is in a big mess. Europeans are pretty much taking over. Empress Dowager Ci Xi has been resisting reform, to the point of imprisoning her own nephew Guang Xu. But then he dies. And the next day, she dies as well. The throne is left to China’s “last emperor,” the infant Henry Pu Yi.
Well gang, Let’s head out to China and see what happens next!
Hello there.
Who might you be?

I’m doctor Sun Yat-sen. You’re just in time to see me launch my revolution to modernize China.
Fall of Dynastic China

• Kuomintang Nationalist Party pushed for modernization
• Dr. Sun Yat-sen led the 1911 Revolution
• Fought for the “Three Principles of the People”
  -Nationalism: eliminate foreign influence
  -Democracy: have a representative government
  -Livelihood: economic security for all
• Sun became the first president of China in 1912
Honestly, Fred, I’m having a hard time unifying China. Maybe I should give the job over to someone more qualified.

Good for you!
Like my good friend, General Yuan Shigai
Warlord Era
1916–1928

Key
- Major Warlord Coalitions
- Kmt and Allied Warlords

Map showing the regions controlled by warlords in China during the Warlord Era, 1916-1928.
Time of the Warlords

- Power transferred to General Yuan Shigai, who tried to create a military dictatorship
- The people revolted and divided under his rule
- He died in 1916, leaving the country in chaos for many years to come
- Warlords (landowners with private armies) terrorized the countryside
- Citizens suffered drought, floods, famine, oppression, child labor, low wages, etc.
And, another large world event is happening at this time
This sure is a bad time for China. And now that whole World War is breaking out in Europe. Well, maybe if the Chinese join the allied side and help fight, the grateful allies will return control of China to the Chinese.
How much do you remember about the Treaty of Versailles?

Ruh Roh!
May 4th, 1919

Down with European Imperialists

Boycott Japan
The people want the same goals that I have wanted this whole time... but they have no faith in me. Now they look to this new guy who keeps rallying up these protests. His name is Mao Zedong.
This Mao sounds a little fishy. Maybe we should look for some clues about him.
It turns out that Mao is actually a young schoolteacher from Beijing university.
I hear that the people are calling him “The Great Helmsman”
He has the support of most peasants.
Well, if he’s that popular, perhaps I will have to side with his cause.
Like, but first! Let’s unmask this Mao and see who he really is.
A Communist!
The May Fourth Movement

- University students gathered in Tiananmen Square to rally against the Treaty of Versailles
- The protest was supported by an inspirational schoolteacher named Mao Zedong
- Young Chinese intellectuals began to turn against Sun Yat-sen’s western democracy in favor of Lenin’s communism
The western powers still won’t recognize my government…
So screw ‘em!
Lenin!

Did someone just say, “screw democracy?”
Mao: Leader of the Communist party

Sun Yat-sen: Frustrated with democracy

Lenin: the original communist
Communist China
Looks like things are finally going right for China. With the nationalists and the communists working together, all of the remaining warlords will finally be defeated and China will have peace. They deserve it.
Jiang Jieshi

Not so fast!

Chiang Kai-shek
The Communist Party in China

- With the aid of Lenin, the communist party grew and fought off the warlords
- Sun Yat-sen died in 1925 and was replaced by Chiang Kai-shek (Jiang Jieshi)
- Chiang turned on the communists once China was settled, surrounding the city of Shanghai and murdering the majority of the communist party
- Became first president of the Nationalist Republic of China in 1928
How do you suppose the USA felt about this?

Yay!
How do you suppose the USSR felt about this?

Boo!
But, you know something?

And I’m Pissed!

Mao survived the Shanghai Massacre
Revolution in China

Write one paragraph explaining why people wanted revolution in China leading to the May 4\textsuperscript{th} Movement.
Provide examples