

Sample Student Paragraph with a different prompt:

Prompt: Evaluate how the rise of communism affected the rights of the Chinese people.

Although Mao's Communist platform promotes an egalitarian, socialist state, his Party does so by increasing government power and subjugating individuals' rights. As communist ideals spread throughout China, men and women in middle and upper classes adopt customs and rituals that differ from traditional norms in China. For example, "communists [try] to institute a frugal approach to weddings..." so that couples create simple gatherings, and no longer enjoy the freedom to perform unique or traditional celebrations (Chang, Source G). In addition, the Communist Party criticizes the notion of excessive attachment to family as "a bourgeois habit." The criticism further illustrates how men and women forfeit individual pleasures like marriage in order to promote the goals of workers and the Communist Party. Not only does the Party challenge familial love, Chinese communist rhetoric goes so far as to renounce the idea of personal feelings or individual desire. "Everything personal was political, in fact...nothing was supposed to be regarded as 'personal' or private" (Chang, Source G). The Communist Party has usurped the role of patriarch in the traditional value system, and these revolutionary ideas excessively sacrifice individuality in the hopes of creating a communist state.