

Mao Zedong vs Xi Jinping



1. How are they similar in their rise to power
2. How are they different in their rise to power
3. What were their positions regarding the Chinese economy?
4. How has each consolidated power in China?
5. What were their positions regarding the United States
6. How has each dealt with potential "rivals" (provide examples)
7. Review their backgrounds. What are the similarities and differences between the way they were raised (families, etc.)
8. Who faced more challenges and why? Identify some of those each faced.
9. Justify or refute this statement: "Mao turned on the Chinese people. Xi will turn the Chinese people on the world." Provide examples.
10. How did each operate inside and outside the CCP?
11. How do each of them represent a "cult of personality"?
12. Compare the "Great Leap Forward" under Mao to the handling of COVID by Xi.