

1 | **fall of Qing**

- 1.1 | **Manchu 12-yo boy emperor Puyi abducted in 1912**
- 1.2 | **power vacuum competed for by 'regional warlords, loose alliance of students, politicians, secret societies, Japanese, communist movement'**
- 1.3 | **internal divisions and foreign influences paved the way for the ultimate victory of Mao Zedong claim**

2 | **warlord cliques**

- 2.1 | **dominated Chinese politics for next 3 decades**
- 2.2 | **most powerful clique was in North China headed by Yuan Shikai**