

Mao Zedong Thought and Chinese Characteristics

I. Introduction to Mao Zedong Thought and Chinese Characteristics

1. Definition and Importance of Mao Zedong Thought: Understanding Mao Zedong Thought as a guiding ideology that integrates Marxism-Leninism with the specific conditions of China.
2. Mao Zedong's Contributions: Examining Mao's significant theoretical contributions, including the concepts of the New Democratic Revolution, the role of the peasantry in revolution, and the importance of socialist construction.
3. Socialism with Chinese Characteristics: The adaptation of socialist principles in the context of China's social, economic, and political conditions.
4. The Role of Marxism-Leninism in Chinese Revolution: The influence of Marxist-Leninist ideology on the Chinese revolution and the creation of a socialist state.
5. The Basic Principles of Mao Zedong Thought: Understanding the key elements of Mao Zedong Thought, including the emphasis on class struggle, the leadership of the Communist Party, and the importance of rural-based revolution.

II. Mao Zedong Thought

6. The New Democratic Revolution: Mao's theory on the stages of revolution, leading to the establishment of the People's Republic of China.
7. The Theory of Protracted People's War: Mao's strategy of revolution, emphasizing rural base areas and the gradual accumulation of strength to defeat imperialism and feudalism.
8. The Role of the Peasantry in Revolution: Mao's innovation in Chinese Marxism, recognizing the peasantry as the primary force in revolution rather than the urban proletariat.
9. Mao's Theory of the Chinese Path to Socialism: The combination of Marxist theory with Chinese realities, focusing on agrarian reform and mass mobilization.
10. Mao's Strategy of Mass Line: The concept that the Communist Party should rely on the masses to guide its policies and actions, ensuring the Party remains connected to the people.
11. The People's Democratic Dictatorship: Mao's understanding of the state and its role in protecting the gains of the revolution and the socialist cause.
12. Mao's Cultural Revolution: Understanding the ideological foundations and historical context of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, and its impact on Chinese society and politics.
13. Mao's Theory of Continuously Revolutionizing the People: Mao's emphasis on class struggle continuing under socialism to prevent the emergence of a bureaucratic, capitalist class.
14. The Theory of the Three Worlds: Mao's view of the global order, categorizing nations into three groups: the First World (imperialist nations), the Second World (socialist countries), and the Third World (colonial and developing countries).

15. Mao's Critique of Soviet Revisionism: Mao's opposition to the Soviet Union's shift towards revisionism and the abandonment of revolutionary principles, emphasizing the continuation of Marxist-Leninist thought.

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19. The Theory of One Country, Two Systems: The policy of allowing regions like Hong Kong and Macau to maintain their capitalist economic systems while being part of the socialist People's Republic of China.
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28. The Chinese Dream: The concept of the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation, emphasizing prosperity, power, and the realization of a strong, harmonious society.
29. Party Leadership and Political Governance: Understanding the central role of the Communist Party in the political, social, and economic governance of China under Xi Jinping.
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32. Anti-Corruption Campaign: Xi Jinping's ongoing efforts to combat corruption within the Communist Party, strengthening Party discipline and governance.
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36. The Importance of Self-Reliance: The policy of self-reliance, which emphasizes China's independence in economic, scientific, and political areas.
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