# HIS 100 Secondary Source Analysis Worksheet

**Prompt**: Replace the bracketed text with information from a secondary source of your choice. Be sure to include specific examples (page numbers, etc.). See the Sample Secondary Source Analysis Worksheet for reference on how to complete this assignment.

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| **Full APA citation** | Dong, Z. (2014). Mao Zedong and the independent and comprehensive industrial system and the modernization of New China. World Review of Political Economy, 5(4), 472–487. |
| **Identify author and describe potential biases.** | Zhikai Dong is Researcher at the Institute of Economics of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Honorary President of Association of Chinese Economic History, and Director of Research Center of Modern Chinese Economic History, CASS. Her research focuses on the modern economic history of China.  Typically, when it comes to Mao Zedong, articles are very polarized in their sentiments about him. This one seems to paint him in a very good light and focuses only on the good things that Mao brought to China. This may be because of the lens Dong used to write this paper, or possibly not. |
| **Identify thesis and arguments.** | Dong writes that the current industrialized and modernized China is owed to the efforts of Mao and his comrades in building an independent and self-sufficient economic system.  Dong finds that while mistakes were made during the “great leap” of advancement, ultimately it was the decisions that Mao made for remaining independent in the face of the Soviet Union in many regards as well as his investment into his people and into technology that made China into the power that it is today. |
| **What primary sources did the source rely on?** | Writings and speeches of Mao |
| **Is the source reliable and convincing? Why or why not?** | This source seems reliable, although it also seems very pro-Mao. That said, this may be because this article is written through a strictly political and economic lens and focuses on very few social aspects of Mao’s reign. Dong also has written many other articles on the economic history of China. |
| **How does the source relate to your project topic? How does it add to what you already know about the topic?** | Regarding how Mao ruled, this article gives great insight. It extensively explores the economic structures he implemented and gives one perspective of the general tone he carried about his ideas for his country. |