

8.4 Spread of Communism After 1900

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• japanese aggression 日本侵略 • movements to redistribute land and resources 土地与资源再分配
• communism’s spread 共产主义的传播

Objective

Build the skills to explain **communism’s spread** 共产主义的传播.

You must be able to:

- state the causes of the Chinese communist seizure of power
- state how the Chinese government controlled the economy
- state the CED’s judgment on that method
- state where redistribution movements developed

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ China’s causes

As a result of internal tension and Japanese aggression, Chinese communists seized power. Internal and external again — the same pairing the CED used for the collapse of the old empires.

■ Economic control

In communist China, the government controlled the national economy through the Great Leap Forward, often implementing repressive policies.

■ The judgment

With negative repercussions for the population. The CED uses the same formula it used for the Soviet Five Year Plans, and an accurate answer carries the cost as the source does.

■ Redistribution

Movements to redistribute land and resources developed within states in Africa, Asia and Latin America, sometimes advocating communism or socialism. “Sometimes” — redistribution is a demand, not necessarily a communist one.

2 Practice

2.1 State the causes of the Chinese communist seizure of power. [2]

2.2 State how the Chinese government controlled the economy and the CED’s judgment. [2]

2.3 Redistribution movements developed in several regions.
(a) Name them. [3]
(b) State the force of “sometimes advocating communism or socialism”. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The Chinese government controlled the national economy through [1]

- **A** the Five Year Plans
- **B** the Great Leap Forward
- **C** free markets
- **D** the Marshall Plan

3.2 The CED’s causes of the communist seizure of power are [1]

- **A** internal only
- **B** internal tension and Japanese aggression
- **C** external only
- **D** economic only

3.3 A movement demands land redistribution without adopting communism.

(a) State whether this is possible on the CED's account. [1]

(b) Explain what "sometimes" tells you. [2]

Solutions

2.1 internal tension and Japanese aggression.

2.2 through the Great Leap Forward, often with repressive policies; with negative repercussions for the population.

2.3 (a) Africa; Asia; Latin America. (b) redistribution is a demand that did not always take a communist or socialist form.

3.1 B. the Great Leap Forward.

3.2 B. both, as with the empires' collapse.

3.3 (a) yes. (b) the CED qualifies the connection, so redistribution and communism are related but not identical.