



## **The Cult of Mao** – Portfolio Assignment

Mao Tse-Tung had brought the country out of a devastating time period for the majority of the population. Once in power he had set out to change all aspects of the country; politically, socially and economically. He had decided to follow Stalin's blueprint while doing so. Part of his plan was to create an image of himself as the father of China who would be looking after his children. This led to many different programs throughout his leadership; some of which were successful, many that were not. However his image as a great leader never wavered in the people's minds, why?

### **For this assignment you are to do the following:**

1. Using primary evidence (pictures, quotes, slogans) describe how Mao was able to create a specific image of himself that encouraged the people to see him as their revered leader.
2. In point-form, list the positive things Mao did for his people that supported his image.
3. In point-form, list the negative things Mao did for his people that did not support his image.
4. Finally, compare the "Cult of Mao" to that of Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini. Was he more, or less successful than his predecessors in creating a lasting, positive image for himself?