AP Comparative Government

Unit 3 Study Guide: China

\*Already have Russia study guide

**Vocabulary:**

Autonomous regions

Cadres/Cadre List

Central Committee

Central Military Commission

Chiang Kai-shek

Chinese Communist Party (CCP)

Collectivism

Confucianism

Cultural Revolution

Danwei

Democratic Centralism

Deng Xiaoping

Falun Gong

Floating population

Free market socialism

General Secretary

Great Leap Forward

Guanxi

Han Chinese

Household responsibility system

Hu Jintao

Iron Rice Bowl

Li Keqiang

Mao Zedong

Maoism

Mass Line

National Party Congress

National People’s Congress

Nationalist Party (Goumindang)

Nomenklatura

People’s Liberation Army (PLA)

People’s National Congress

Politburo/Standing Committee

Premier

Special Economic Zones (SEZs)

State Corporatism

Sun Yat-sen

Technocrats

Township and Village Enterprises (TVEs)

“Two Chinas”

Xi Jinping

Youth League

**Concepts/Possible FRQs**

**Part 1: The Making of the Modern State**

* What is unique about China’s geography and population?
* Describe how sources of legitimacy have changed throughout China’s history according to the type of rule.
* Describe Confucianism and its key components.
* Explain the significance of the Revolution of 1911.
* Describe the rise of Mao Zedong and the establishment of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).
* Explain the conflict between Nationalists and Communists as well as the result.
* Explain key beliefs of Maoism and describe how it differs from Leninism.
* Describe the purpose and result of each of the following under Mao: The Soviet Model, The Great Leap Forward & The Cultural Revolution
	+ Include the status of private property under Mao.
* Explain how Den Xiaoping’s ideas differed from Maoism.
* Define economic liberalization.
	+ Describe economic liberalization policies in China since Mao’s death and evaluate their success.
	+ Identify problems that have resulted from economic liberalization in China. How has the state addressed these problems?
	+ Compare China’s economic liberalization to Russia’s. How has it been similar? Different?
* Describe the events of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests and the consequences that followed.

**Part 2: Institutions**

* Identify the type of regime and political structure in China.
	+ How is it similar to Russia? Different from Russia?
* Identify the current head of state and head of government in China and explain their relationship to the CCP.
	+ What are their titles?
	+ How are they chosen?
	+ What are their terms?
	+ What are their primary roles?
* Explain what is meant by parallel hierarchies in China’s political structure. Who/what dominates these hierarchies?
* Define democratic centralism.
* Identify the purpose/significance of the National Party Congress, the Central Committee, the Politburo and the Standing Committee and the General Secretary of the CCP.
* Identify the purpose/role of the National People’s Congress, the State Council and the Bureaucracy. Be sure to understand the influence of the CCP on these institutions.
* Describe the relationship between the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) and the CCP. Who holds the power?
* Describe the role of the judiciary, including its relationship to the CCP. Identify legal reforms that have been made.
* Describe the system of recruiting elites, including the role of cadres, cadre lists and guanxi.
* Describe factions within the CCP.
* Define transparency and identify ways in which the Chinese state limits transparency.
* Explain the role of the CCP/State in censoring media, including social media.

**Part 3: Citizens, Society, and the State:**

* Identify social cleavages in China. Classify them as coinciding or cross-cutting.
* Describe the treatment of major ethnic minorities such as Tibetans and Uyghurs.
* Explain what is meant by “Two Chinas” and identify state policies to reduce inequality.
* Identify forms of political participation in China, including the role of:
	+ political parties
	+ voting
	+ interest groups
	+ protests
	+ NGOs & civil society
	+ How does political participation compare to the UK? Russia?
* Describe the role of elections in China.
	+ Why do people vote?
	+ Which type of elections represents a move towards democracy?

**Part 4: Public Policy (see student presentations and book)**

* Describe current major public policy issues in China today.
	+ Include pollution, corruption, inequality, population concerns
	+ What impact do they have on the political and economic development of China?
	+ How has the government addressed these issues?
* How does China compare to other countries in the AP6 in terms of GDP, Gini, Freedom House, CPI?
* Explain China’s policy on :
	+ Tibet, Taiwan, & Hong Kong
	+ Falun Gong
	+ One-Child Policy
	+ Foreign Relations/Trade
	+ Human Rights
	+ Legal System & Detention Centers

**Be prepared for comparisons of China and Russia AND Russia and the UK.**