China Timeline Challenge:

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| Strength of The Chinese Communist Party | Weakness of the Guomindang |
| Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1927/28  The success of the Northern Expedition was largely due to communist promise of land to the peasants which had given them local peasant support | Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1911-12  Dr. Sun Yatsen becomes Provisional President of the Republic. GMD formed and wins majority in Parliament. Sun resigns and Yuan Shikai declared provisional president |
| Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1930  After the White Terror “purification movement” the establishment of the Jiangxi Soviet in the mountains of Jiangsi provided a base for Mao’s ideological shift to organize around his idea of the central revolutionary role of the peasant. | Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1925-26  Despite Soviet links, Jiang Jieshi (Chiang Kai-Shek) became increasingly anti-communist and began his leadership by removing communists from key positions in the party. |
| Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1930-31  1st three encirclement campaigns where GMD forces of up to 300,000 men were defeated. Mao’s strategy of Revolutionary war where they allowed the GMD to enter territory and then attack the fragmented units using knowledge of terrain and support of local peasants proved to be a success. | Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1930-34  Instead of focusing on Sun’s Three Principles, Jiang Jieshi’s main goal remained the elimination of the communists and began carrying out the “Five Encirclement Campaigns” |
| Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1934  The fifth and final encirclement campaign in which 800,000 nationalist forces were sent to take out the Red Army. After a victory at Ruijin CCP forces broke through on October 19th and what became the Long March began. | Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1935  Instead of blowing up the Luding Bridge in order to avoid local outcry Jiang’s forces removed the planks that covered the chains. |
| Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1935  After capturing the town of Zunyi a party conference is held and Mao emerges as the leader |  |
| Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1935  22 volunteers cross the bridge clinging to chains to take out the machine gun posts firing on them. Only 5 attackers survived leading to the crossing of the bridge and a major morale booster | Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1935  After marching 9,600 KM and fighting 15 major battles Mao’s army arrived at the Shaanxi Soviet and set up a new communist base. | Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |