

### **Questions related to Dr. Li on Chairman Mao**

1. Think of two words that describe Mao's lifestyle, and two more words that describe his personal relationships. The words may or may not come from the text.
2. What, specifically, did Mao try to glean from reading Chinese history? Quote the text.
3. In your own words, describe Mao's attitude toward foreign ideas.
4. Did Mao want China to follow the Soviet model in every possible way? Explain.
5. How did Mao view his own place in history? Quote the text.
6. Give a striking example of how cheaply Mao viewed the lives of the Chinese people.
7. What did Mao demand from his subordinates?

8. How did Dr. Li feel about Mao during his first five years with him? Quote the text.

9. Why, specifically, did the Great Leap Forward result in such a horrific famine?

10. Why was the Minister of National Defense, Peng Dehuai, purged, and what effect did this have on Dr. Li?

11. In your own words, describe how Chinese society was behaving toward Mao at the height of his power in 1969.

12. What were Mao's two great initiatives or interventions in Chinese society, both of which turned out to be highly destructive?

13. When Dr. Li wrote this book, was he in a position to speak the truth? Explain.

14. In one word of your own, describe Dr. Li's overall feeling toward Mao when he wrote this book.