

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF

# MODERN CHINA

MODERN CHINESE HISTORY PART 2:  
1928 - 2020

**1928 - 1937**

The Republican Decade

**1931**

Japanese invasion of Manchuria,  
creation of Manchukuo

**1937**

Japanese invasion of China

**1941**

Attack on Pearl Harbor, US  
entry into the Pacific War

**1945**

Attack on Hiroshima, Pacific War ends

**1946-1949**

Chinese Civil War, leading to the  
eventual establishment of the  
communist People's Republic of China

**1950-1953**

Korean War involving China  
and the United States

**1958**

Launching of the Great Leap Forward

**1966 - 1976**

The Cultural Revolution

**1978**

Deng Xiaoping assumes control of Chinese  
Communist Party

**1989**

Tiananmen demonstration and crackdown

**2008**

Beijing Olympic Games

**2013**

Xi Jinping assumes leadership  
of state and party

**2013**

Belt and Road initiative announced

**2015**

China builds military installations  
in the South China Sea

**2020**

Outbreak of the corona virus in  
Wuhan, China