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## KEY

Events	Particular / significant events
1945	End of World War II
1949	Founding of the People's Republic of China
1954	First Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Alliance
1956	Great Leap Forward begins
1958	Great Leap Forward intensifies
1960	Sino-Soviet border tensions
1962	Sino-Soviet border conflict
1966	Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution begins
1969	Sino-Soviet border conflict
1971	China's entry into the United Nations
1976	End of the Cultural Revolution
1978	Reform and Opening Up begins
1989	Tiananmen Square protests
1997	Handover of Hong Kong
1999	Handover of Macau
2001	China joins the World Trade Organization
2008	Beijing Olympics
2013	Xi Jinping becomes President
2015	China's Belt and Road Initiative
2019	China's new constitution
2020	COVID-19 pandemic
2022	Winter Olympics in Beijing