Notes 5.8.2 - History of China (Part 2)

•Final Dynastic Cycle interrupted by new political ideas like democracy and communism.

•Japanese invasion and occupation narrowed the choices: nationalism or communism.

•China focused inward again during Communism. Began trying to catch up technologically with Russians and the European powers.

•Tiananmen Square protests seemed to bring back old ideas of the dynastic cycle.

•Focus shifted to economic freedom without political freedom..

•China is beginning to focus on the external world again.