



Mao Zedong's Calligraphy

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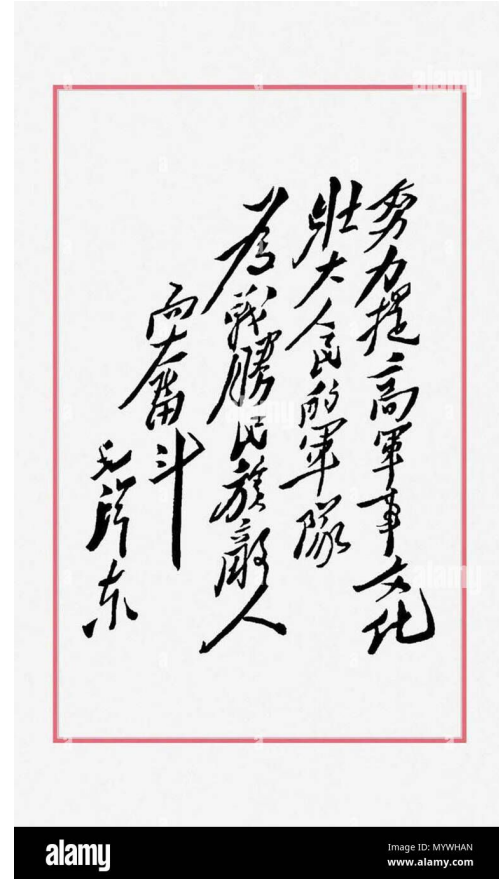
Who Was Mao?

- Born December 26, 1893
- Shaoshan, Hunan Province, China
- First Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, 1949 - 1959
- Education
 - Only valued for keeping records and accounts



Mao's Calligraphy Continued

- Hard-Tipped Brush, Running Script
- Very Thin Tip Brush vs Thicker Brushes
- Victory over Nationalist Party
- Fill emotional void
- Cursive Script
- No Seal
- Impact of Mao's Calligraphy



Public Displays of Mao's Works

- Memorial to the Martyrs of the Revolution
 - The Monument to the People's Hero



Public Displays of Mao's Works

- Mao Mausoleum



Examples of Mao's Works

- Reply to Guo Moruo
 - Expresses the speaker's frustrations with the perceived obstacles to progress.
 - Cursive Script





Auction of Mao's Calligraphy

- Calligraphic Autograph Letter Signed, to the Journalist Yang Yi [1947 - 1949]
- Written in Black Ink with a Brush Pen
- Late Stage of Chinese Civil War
- 300,000 - 400,000 GBP is approximately 373,000 - 498,000 USD
- <https://www.sothebys.com/en/buy/auction/2019/important-manuscripts-continental-books-and-music/mao-zedong-calligraphic-autograph-letter-signed-to>



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