Directions: use this document to take guided notes on *A Tale of Two Political Systems*. The speaker uses some pretty high-level vocabulary in this clip, so if there are words you don’t understand, write them down and look them up. It may also be helpful to look up the Chinese Cultural Revolution before viewing this video. It will give you context on the type of society the speaker grew up in.

Is economic success the sole criterion to evaluate the performance of a political system?

Describe two factors that sped up the economic boom in China.

Do you agree with Eric’s points about “plurality?”

What harsh realities does Eric ignore in his talk regarding China? How could this influence someone’s opinion on China?

Does China truly have a meritocracy? Explain why or why not.

Will some form of democracy eventually be enacted in China? Explain why or why not.
1) What two political systems is Eric Li comparing?

2) What three assumptions are made by the dominant political theories of our time?

3) What are the three defining characteristics of China's one-party system?

4) What factors sped up the economic boom in China?

5) What are some critiques of Democracy according to Li?

6) What does Li mean by “plurality?”