

## Cultural Revolution- China- Lesson Plan

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### Purpose:

This lesson plan is preparing the students for our novel study of Red Scarf Girl which is a memoir about the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Additionally we will focus on the theme of "perseverance".

### Target Group:

I will be teaching this unit to a group of nine gifted seventh grade students. They get pulled out daily for one 45-minute period of enrichment Language Arts.

Estimated Duration: 4 class periods

### Activities:

Day 1: What is "perseverance"? Look up the word in a dictionary and write your ideas down on a sticky note. Create a class word map of the word "perseverance." As you find examples of perseverance in our novel, you can write them on stickies and add them to our chart.

Day 2: Complete an ABC Brainstorm sheet on China. Watch YouTube videos on Cultural Revolution. Write thoughts/feelings/questions down in notebook and reflect at the end of the period.

Day 3: What questions do you have about the Cultural Revolution? Write them down on the board as you come in. TSW use the nonfiction texts (have an assortment available-- various China topics) to find the answers to their questions and record on stickies. Share what you learned in the texts.

Day 4: Identify some central ideas of the Cultural Revolution. TSW brainstorm based on prior knowledge, and the teacher can contribute after students have exhausted their list. Ex:

- revolution
- using schools for indoctrination
- use of propaganda

- establishing a classless system
- overthrowing authority
- eliminating Four Olds
- youth in rebellion

Each student will choose two central ideas. Students take notes as they work with the nonfiction texts. Share what they have learned.

Extension: Following this research, we will read Red Scarf Girl. It will take around 3 weeks to complete.

### Resources

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-li Jiang

YouTube Cultural Revolution videos

Various nonfiction texts on Chinese Cultural Revolution, such as The Chinese Cultural Revolution by Louise Chipley Slavicek,

Little Green by Chun Yu

The Chinese Revolution -Worldbook

The Chinese Revolution and Mao Zedong in World History by Ann Malaspina

Wikipedia