**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