Project Bright IDEA 2: Interest Development Early Abilities

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Concept: Conflict

Title: Revolution is Not a Dinner Party
Author: Ying Chang Compestine
Topic: Cultural Revolution in Communist China

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Grade Level: 7

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Big Ideas Manifested

Topic - Conflict

Text - Revolution is Not a Dinner Party

Author - Ying Chang Compestine

Publisher - Henry Holt and Company, LLC

Date - 2007

Concepts	Themes
Revolution	Courage
Betrayal	Loyalty
Freedom	Human Inhumanity
Control	Choices
Survival	
Relationships	D. I.I. Cl. III
Issues or Debates	Problems or Challenges
Democracy vs. Communism	Abuse of Power
Loyalty vs. Betrayal	
Freedom vs. Control	Survival during difficult times of scarcity
Wealth vs. Poverty	
	Freedom
	• of thought
	• of speech
	• of learning
	 of choice
	Cultural Revolution through re-education
Processes	Theories
Students empathize with the people subjected	Communism leads to abuse of power.
to Communist rule in China.	
	Communism takes away personal freedoms.
Students make choices to do what is right in	
difficult situations.	Communism leads to economic disaster.
Paradoxes	Assumptions or Perspectives
"Dear Mother, Dear Father,	Democracy provides more freedoms than does
But no one is as dear as Chairman Mao."	Communism.
The government was trying to re-educate the	Democracy allows for a more productive
educated by the peasants who had no education.	economic system.
	Family members and friends always protect and support each other.
	support each other.

Concept: Conflict

Topic: Cultural Revolution in Communist China

Suggested Text Selection(s): Revolution is Not a Dinner Party by Ying Chang Compestine

Look, Listen and Identify:

Intelligent Behaviors

Story Focus: Ling exhibits persistence, listening with empathy, questioning and problem posing, applying past knowledge to new situations, and taking responsible risks.

Student Activities: Students will exhibit habits of persisting, listening with understanding and empathy, striving for accuracy and precision, and creating, imagining and innovating.

NC Standards: Social Studies Objectives 1.01 - 13.03

Local Pacing Guide Timeline: 10 days, days 56 - 65

Thinking Skills Focus:

Compare and Contrast Democratic America with Communist China.

Analyze how the Cultural Revolution in China illustrates the conflicting desires for control and freedom.

Topic Focus: Cultural Revolution in Communist China

Concept Focus: Conflict exists between a people's natural desire for freedom

and the reality of living under a Communist regime.

Overarching Generalizations:

Conflict is universal

More Complex Generalizations (Two or more concepts):

Political systems affect a country's economy.

Conflict may exist between the desire for freedom and the need for control.

Directions for Teachers:

Display sentence strips with the generalizations. Discuss topics and vocabulary words needed to gain a deeper understanding of the conceptual lessons.

Essential Questions:

Content Based Essential Questions:

- 1. How did the Cultural Revolution cause conflict within families, the education system, the economy, and the work force in China?
- 2. How is power gained, used and justified in a communist government? In a democratic government?
- 3. What is revolution? Is revolution inevitable?
- 4. How does the free market system affect my life? Our community? Our society? The world?
- 5. Should government regulate business and economy?
- 6. How does a government's control of the economy affect the quality of life of the country's people?
- 7. How much control should governments have over people?

Universal Essential Questions:

- 8. What is power? What forms does it take?
- 9. What could lead to abuse of power?
- 10. What constitutes a great leader?
- 11. *Why do people fight? Is conflict inevitable?
- 12. To what extent should people conform to societal controls? to governmental controls?
- 13. Who should govern or rule?
- 14. Why do we have rules and laws?

Suggested Topics for Discussion:

Communist Revolution

Cultural Revolution

Freedom

Communism

Choices

Betrayal

Loyalty

Equity

Fair pay for labor

Courage

Love

Democracy

Suggested Vocabulary Words for Discussion:

- Ch. 1 jasmine, acupuncture, Yangtze River, porcelain, revolution, antiseptics, surgeon
- Ch. 2 embroidery, peony /peonies, comrade
- Ch. 3 origami, sandalwood
- Ch. 4 Communist Revolution, portrait
- Ch. 5 landlord, Young Pioneers, Cultural Revolution
- Ch. 6 Red Guard, confiscate, bourgeois, chrysanthemums, lotus
- Ch. 7 antirevolutionary
- Ch. 8 sympathizer
- Ch. 9 leisurely, scattered, compassion, misfortune, tofu, phoenix
- Ch. 10 interrogate, denounced, antibiotic, calligraphy, snatched, bamboo, conceal
- Ch. 11 scalpel, iodine, chopsticks, commune, marrow
- Ch. 12 dumplings
- Ch. 13 courtyard, precious
- Ch. 14 lingered, compound, spatula, edible, ration
- Ch. 15 abacus
- Ch. 16 bargaining, humiliate, sycamore
- Ch. 17 sorghum, ambushed, liberation
- Ch. 18 thermos, scorched, retching, flawlessly
- Ch. 19 drizzled
- Ch. 20 sesame seeds

A Six-Step Process for Teaching Academic Vocabulary Terms:

- 1. Provide a description, explanation or example of the new vocabulary term.
- 2. Ask students to restate the description, explanation or example in their own words using complete sentences.
- 3. Ask students to construct a picture, symbol or graphic representing the term or phrase.
- 4. Engage the students periodically in activities that help them add to their knowledge of the terms in a booklet that they have created (Keep it simple.)
- 5. Periodically ask students to discuss the terms with one another (Think of your favorite vocabulary words from the unit; pair with a vocabulary buddy, share by discussing the vocabulary terms with your vocabulary buddy.) Teacher should model process each time before students do the Think, Pair, Share with Vocabulary Buddy.
- 6. Construct games to periodically involve students and allow them to play with the terms.

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Vocabulary Extension:

Select a generalization(s) and essential questions. Introduce one or more of the following topics:

Six Facets of Understanding

Facet 1 – EXPLANATION

Generalization- Conflict may exist between the desire for freedom and the need for control.

Essential questions-

- 1. Why do people fight?
- 2. Is conflict inevitable?
- 3. What types of issues cause conflict?

Facet 2 - INTERPRETATION

Generalization- Power is acquired either through love or fear.

Essential Question –

- 1. Which type of power is stronger? Longer lasting? More effective?
- 2. How is power acquired in a democracy? In a Communist regime?

Facet 3 - APPLICATION

Generalization – Governments are made up of people who make decisions regarding other people.

Essential Question –

- 1. Are people able to make decisions for the good of other people, or does power always corrupt. "Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely."
- 2. How would you design a government that would have a good balance between control and freedom?

Facet 4 - PERSPECTIVE

Generalization – Accepted or desired societal norms can be enforced by a government. **Essential Question** -

- 1. Should government enforce societal norms or have any say over what people do?
- 2. To what extent should government control individuals?

Facet 5 – EMPATHY

Generalization – The government under which a person lives greatly affects the conditions and quality of his life.

Essential Question –

- 1. What would have been the most difficult part of living under the Communist regime during the Cultural Revolution?
- 2. How would your life have been different if you had lived in China during the Cultural Revolution?

Facet 6 – SELF-KNOWLEDGE

Generalization – Economic systems affect people's lifestyles. **Essential Questions** –

- 1. How does capitalism affect my standard of living?
- 2. How does the free market system affect my lifestyle?

Read: The historical background section at the back of <u>Revolution is Not a Dinner Party.</u>
Task Rotation Learning Activities – Pre-reading

Essential Question: Why do people fight? Is conflict inevitable?

7th Grade

All conceptual activities must include discussing and/or relating to the selected generalization(s) through essential questions.

Mastery Learner (A) Sensing- Thinking

Using an approved site on the internet to gather your information, create a timeline showing the events that led up to the Cultural Revolution under Mao Zedong in China in 1966? Show at least 10 events.

Product: Timeline

Product: As a news analyst, select 1 event and explain in an editorial why this event was important in leading up to the Cultural Revolution.

HOM: 1. Persisting

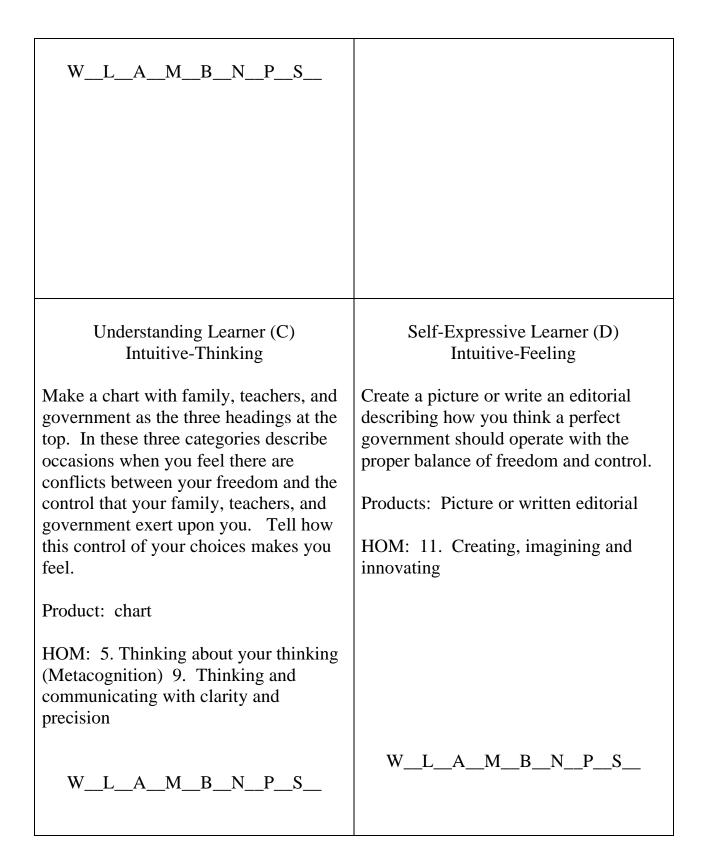
Interpersonal Learner (B) Sensing-Thinking

Work with a partner to write and act out a role play depicting a governor making rules that limit your freedoms and a citizen responding to the new rules. Is your citizen free to respond as he wishes, or is he fearful of consequences for his actions and speech? How much power does the governor have? What consequences does he implement?

Product: script and role play

HOM: 11. Creating, imagining, and innovating 15. Thinking interdependently

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Real World Connections With Products:
Real World Applications:
Real World Terms:
Connect all products in the unit to real world applications reflecting the concept, generalizations and topic. The above is an example of how this might be accomplished.
Concept Focus:
Overarching Generalizations:
More Complex Generalizations (Two or more concepts):
Essential Question (Include concept and intelligent behavior that leads to deeper understanding of the concept through exploration of the generalization)
Materials Needed for Task Rotation and/or Task Rotation Menu

MetaCognitive Discussion (Essential Questions):
(Whole Group)
Conceptual Perspectives:
Intelligent Behaviors:
Literary Perspectives:
Student/Teacher Reflections

Read: Section 1 "Little Flower" (chapters 1-8) Essential Question: How does government control of the economy affect the quality of life of the country's people? Task Rotation Learning Activities

Grade 7

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Mastery Learner (A)
Sensing-Thinking

Using an approved online resource to gather information, describe on a three columned chart what the theoretical, ideal communist society would look like in terms of work and payment, distribution of supplies and food, and class distinctions.

Product: Three column chart

HOM: 2. Managing impulsivitity 9. Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision

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Interpersonal Learner (B)
Sensing-Feeling

Work in pairs to create a scrapbook featuring aspects of Ling's daily life. Illustrate the following categories on separate pages showing what it was like both prior to the Cultural Revolution and during the Cultural Revolution at its worst.

- 1. meals
- 2. clothing
- 3. furniture
- 4. home
- 5. school

Product: Scrapbook

HOM: 2. Managing impulsivitity11. Creating, imagining, and innovating

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Understanding Learner (C) Intuitive-Thinking

Using approved online sources analyze reasons why communism appealed to the Chinese people. Create an illustrated poster showing and describing the conditions in agriculture, government, culture, industry and family life that the communists wanted to change when they came to power in 1949.

Product: Poster

HOM: 1. Persisting 2. Managing impulsivity 7. Questioning and problem posing

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Self-Expressive Learner (D) Intuitive-Feeling

Pretend you are a news correspondent reporting on the economic changes that have occurred during the Cultural Revolution. Report on the supply of food, clothing, fabric, electricity, and ration tickets. Also, report on how the rich and the poor people feel about the changes.

Product: Written news article, audio report, video report, rap, or poem

HOM: 4. Thinking flexibly 11. Creating, imagining, and innovating

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Real World Connections with Products:

Students will find and read current articles about China in relation to how the government policies affect the economy. Online news sites, the daily newspaper, or news magazines may be used.

Possible Products: information cube, poster, poem, political cartoon, crossword puzzle, debate

Real World Applications: politician, policeman, surgeon, nurse, teacher

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Read: chapter "Shopping with Mother" p. 161 - 172 Task Rotation Learning Activities – Math Component

Essential Question:

7th Grade

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Mastery Learner (A) Sensing- Thinking

Students will use approved online resources to gather data on the gross national product for China and for the United States for the years 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000. Students will make a line graph charting the gross national product for each country for each year.

Product: Line graph

HOM: 6. Striving for accuracy and precision

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Interpersonal Learner (B) Sensing – Feeling

Understanding Learner (C) Intuitive-Thinking

Using approved online resources find the average yearly per capita income (income per person) for China and for the United States in 2008. Which income is higher? What percentage of the United States per capita income is the Chinese per capita income?

Product: Completed handout

Self-Expressive Learner (D) Intuitive-Feeling

What is the average rainfall for each month of the year in Wuhan, China in 2008? Find the mean, median, mode, and range of the rainfall data. Create a histogram or a line graph to plot your data.

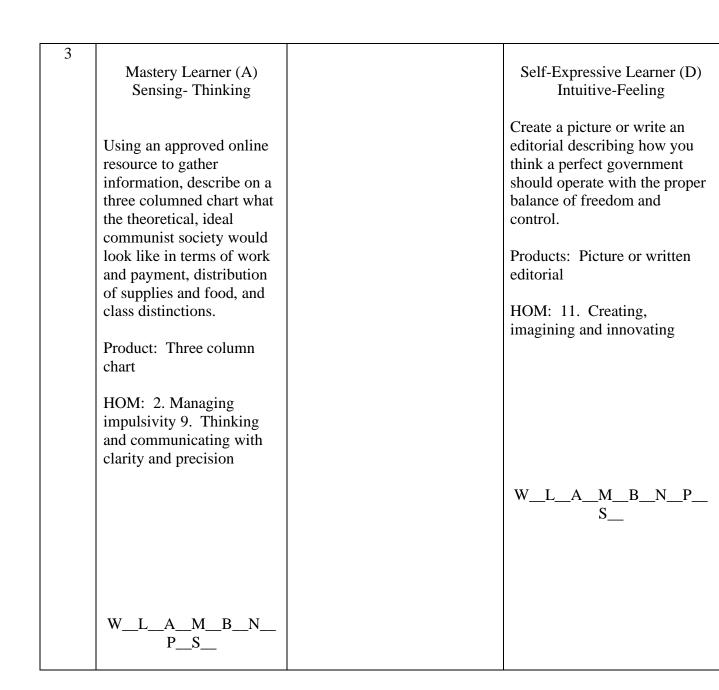
Product: Histogram or line graph and completed handout for mean, median, mode and range of data

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Topic:		
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End of Unit	Assessment
Student Reflection Task Rotation Lea Grad	arning Experience
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Essential Question: How much control sh	ould governments have over people?
Mastery Learner (A) Sensing- Thinking	Interpersonal Learner (B) Sensing-Feeling

Compare and Contrast the roles and responsibilities of parents in a family with a government of a country. Describe these similarities and differences in terms of provision, protection, education, and liberty.

Products: essay or poster chart

HOM: 1. Persisting 8. Applying past knowledge to new situations



Suppose that you were Nui. Write a journal entry in your diary or a letter to Ling's family explaining why you drew a class line against your family and why you led the Red Guards in the attack on Ling's family's home.

Product: Journal Entry or Letter

HOM: 4. Thinking Flexibly

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Understanding Learner (C)
Intuitive-Thinking

Create two concept maps on a poster comparing the laws of a democratic government vs. the laws of a communist government. In a short paragraph at the bottom of the poster, evaluate the motivation behind the laws of a democratic government vs. the motivation behind the laws of a communist government.

Product: Poster with two concept maps

HOM: 5. Thinking about your thinking (metacognition) 7. Questioning and problem posing



Self-Expressive Learner (D) Intuitive-Feeling

Describe what family life would be like if there were no one in charge of making decisions in your family.

Describe what life in the United States would be like if there were no government to make and enforce laws.

Product: Drawing, essay, poem, rap, or letter to a friend

HOM: 4. Thinking Flexibly

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Additional Support Materials:			
Favorite Read-Alouds:			
Finger Plays, Nursery Rhymes and Songs:			
Video Clips:			
Paintings & Prints:			

Teacher Reflections

Literary Selection			
Date	School	Grade	
1.	What were the strengths of the task rotat	ions and/or other activities?	
2.	How did the task rotations and/or activit discuss how each Intelligent Behavior m	ies reveal students' Intelligent Behaviors? Please anifested it self.	
3.	What would you change or add the next	time you taught this lesson?	
4.	What opportunities for growth does the	resource unit have?	
5.	What were "ah ha's?" for the students?	For teachers?	

"Additional Comments

APPENDIX

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Additional Instructional Concept-Based Activities