

Mao Zedong's *Little Red Book*

"As communists we gain control with the power of the gun  
and maintain control with the power of the pen."

--- Mao Zedong

Instructions: Imagine yourself a Chinese citizen during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. As you consider and paraphrase each of Mao's sayings taken from his *Little Red Book*, reflect on how these beliefs and rules might impact your life.

*New China must care for her youth and show concern for the growth of the younger generation. Young people have to study and work, but they are at the age of physical growth. Therefore, full attention must be paid both to their work and study and to their recreation, sport and rest.*

Restate, in your own words: \_\_\_\_\_

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How might this belief impact your life as a Chinese citizen?

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*There is in fact no such thing as art for art's sake, art that stands above classes, art that is detached from or independent of politics.*

Restate, in your own words: \_\_\_\_\_

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How might this belief impact your life as a Chinese citizen?

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*We stand for self-reliance. We hope for foreign aid but cannot be dependent on it; we depend on our own efforts, on the creative power of the whole army and the entire people.*

Restate, in your own words: \_\_\_\_\_

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How might this belief impact your life as a Chinese citizen?

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