

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.

*At no time and in no circumstances should a Communist place his personal interests first; he should subordinate them to the interests of the nation and of the masses. Hence, selfishness, slacking, corruption, seeking the limelight, and so on, are most contemptible, while selflessness, working with all one's energy, whole-hearted devotion to public duty, and quiet hard work will command respect.*

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

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

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*[Our purpose is] to ensure that literature and art fit well into the whole revolutionary machine as a component part, that they operate as powerful weapons for uniting and educating the people and for attacking and destroying the enemy, and that they help the people fight the enemy with one heart and one mind.*

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 should support whatever the enemy opposes and oppose whatever the enemy supports.*

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

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

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