The Great Proletarian Educational Revolution w/- Iron Ryan & Ginga Ninja



Woodleigh



Flinders

Welcome to the Inaugural Woodleigh/Flinders Chinese Rev Excursion! This isn't a passive learning excursion ... you will be engaging in a range of challenging (and fun) activities today which we humbly call the "Great Chinese Revoff." You will be competing in school groups – the Woodleigh Soviet versus the Flinders Soviet (aka boys versus girls ... without overt gender grouping in the name)

In true revolutionary style, challenges will be judged by those who have higher status and revolutionary fervour (Tom and Catherine aka Mao and Zhou) and whilst bribes, threats and tantrums will be tolerated, our decision is FINAL ... so post-prize whinging and counter-revolutionary activity will be met with harsh reprisals.

THE CHALLENGES

- 1. **SOVIET vs SOVIET:** Before we start you must first develop a back story for your Soviet ... Where (in China) are you located? When was your Soviet formed? Who is your leader? How are you garnering peasant support? What is the role of your Soviet in broader CCP initiatives and activities in the 1930s and 40s? The most historically accurate and funniest backstory (to be presented at lunch) will win a team prize!
- 2. **CHINESE MUSEUM:** Whilst at the Chinese museum you are encouraged to take photos for later use in class. Additionally, your Soviet is to compile a list of "Fiddy Fun Facts" about the Chinese Revolution as demonstrated/evident at the Chinese Museum. These must be submitted to your illustrious hosts Tom and Catherine before lunchtime. The prevailing team will win an important advantage in the "Mao's last dance class" challenge this afternoon.
- 3. **ALL DAY MEME CHALLENGE:** Individuals or pairs (from within the same Soviet or collaborators from different Soviets) are invited to create a meme using an image taken whilst we are on the excursion. Your meme must be witty, funny and relevant to the Chinese Revolution. Memes must be posted to Padlet (link below). Several awesome prizes are available, so you are encouraged to show your revolutionary spirit and compete to win ... Prizes will be awarded at 3pm.

- 4. Communist Compulsory Conversations! With your lunch buddies, discuss/debate about 3-4 of these ...
- a) What has been your favourite or most interesting topic from the course so far? Why?
- b) What has been your least favourite or most challenging part of the course so far? Why?
- c) Besides Mao, Jiang and Sun, share an interesting fact (or ANYTHING you can remember) about a figure in the Chinese Revolution.
- d) Mao, Jiang, Sun ... come up with a sentence about each of these dudes.
- e) In what ways was China 'ripe for revolution' in the early 20th century?
- f) The May Fourth Movement was a pretty funky time ... Why?
- g) Without the Sino-Japanese War, what might have been the fate of Nationalist China? And the CCP?
- h) What do you think was the most significant aspect of the Long March and why? You can be very specific (like an event) or very broad in looking at its significance.
- i) Was the Chinese Civil War (1946-49) inevitable? Why?
- j) 'The GMD lost and CCP won the Chinese Civil War'. How?
- 5. MAO'S LAST DANCER or it is MAO'S LAST DANCE CLASS? As you view the "Mao's Last Dancer Exhibit" take photos or relevant images, text and artefacts for later use in class... After viewing the exhibition your Soviet must take a photo of all members performing a ballet move and give their 'move' a signature name (Tom & Catherine are happy to act as photographers!). Each soviet must post their photo (only 1 photo allowed per Soviet) to the Padlet link provided. Let's call this challenge... Mao's last dance class.... a prize is available for most creative photo (with the best revolution or anti-revolution inspired name).

Schedule

8am: Meet at Frankston Station

9:30am: Arrive Flinders Station and endure the Long March to the Chinese Museum (10 min walk)

10am: Chinese Museum – Fiddy Fun Facts

11am: Depart Chinese Museum and go to Dr Sun-Yat Sen Statue, Little Bourke St Chinatown (7 min walk);

and visit GMD HQ (c1921), Market Lane.

Midday: Arrive China Red Restaurant, 206 Bourke St (6 min walk from statue)

2pm: Arrive Immigration Museum, Flinders Street (catch train Melb Central to Flinders St and then walk)

3pm: Depart Immigration Museum for Flinders Street Station and return to Frankston

LUNCH MENU (shared meals excepting gluten free student who has own meal)

Entrees to share:

- Pan-fried dumpling (pork) 2 serves (16 pcs)
- Spring roll (normal) 3 serves (9 pcs)
- Vegetable Spring Roll 1 serve (3 pcs)
- Vegetable dumpling -1 serve (12 pcs)
- Spicy Won Ton 2 serves (16 pcs)

Mains to share:

- Honey Chicken
- Combination Vegetable with Tofu
- Shredded Beef in Mandarin Sauce
- Salt and Pepper Squid
- Mongolian Lamb
- Bok Choi and mushrooms
- Fried Rice
- Steamed rice

Drinks: Coke and Raspberry Lemonade