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**China’s Cultural Revolution Writing Assignment**

**Directions: Answer one of the questions below in a complete paragraph. In order to answer it thoughtfully and thoroughly, 10-15 sentences should be a reasonable amount to write.**

**\*If you choose to answer #1, you MUST also do the BONUS (which would not earn you extra credit but would be included as part of your grade for #1).**

**\*\*If you choose to answer #2 or #3, then you do NOT have to do the BONUS. However, in this case if you decided to do the BONUS, you would earn extra credit.**

**Requirements:**

* **Use any handouts, notes, research, and/or what you learned from videos, class discussions, etc. over the past week(s) to help you write a complete and intelligent response.**
* **You may type this, or write it neatly in pencil, black or blue ink.**
* **Your rough draft is due tomorrow (Tuesday), followed by a peer-editing session in class. Your final draft will be due on Wednesday, 4/9.**

Questions:

1. What factors caused so many Chinese youth to get “swept up” in the Cultural Revolution? Explain these factors in detail.

2. How do you think you would react if you were a high school student in China at the time of the Cultural Revolution AND how you would react if you were asked to join the “Red Guard?”

3. Deng Xiaoping took over as the leader of China following Mao’s death in 1976. If you were chosen as the leader of China after Mao died, what steps would you take to make up for Mao’s many mistakes and improve the country?

Please include the following when answering this question:

A). Personal characteristics of a true leader

B). Actions that you would take to improve the lives of the Chinese people

C). Actions you would take to improve China’s standing in the rest of the world

**BONUS:**

\*Write up a mock interview of a former Chinese Red Guard today. Do this in Q & A format with at least 7 Questions and Answers. Many of these people are still alive today (probably in their mid-late 60s age-wise). Put yourself both in the reporter’s shoes and the shoes of the former Red Guard answering.