READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



China's Cultural Revolution (10.9.4)

Background:

In the mid-1960's Mao Zedong, leader of communist China; feared that the country was moving in the wrong direction. He then called on the nations youth to purge the impure elements of the society and bring back the revolutionary spirit that seemed to have been lost.

Prompt:

Why did Chinese youth get swept up in the Cultural Revolution?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Be certain to cite at least four pieces of evidence from the documents and additional research what happened leading up to and during the Cultural Revolution in China.
- Explain how the evidence in these documents and your research led you to this conclusion.