

中国历史与文化

IREE 2010 - History and Culture of China

Activity: Political Posters

Estimated Time: 30-45 minutes in groups, 15 minutes for presentations

Task Configuration: Small Groups (3 people/group)

Political/propaganda posters have been important tools for many governments, especially as leaders work to influence public opinion and boost citizen morale. Political posters from China are an important source of history, and offer us a window into some of the messages that were delivered to citizens by the government. Based on what you have learned in the History and Culture of China module, develop your own political poster. In creating your poster, see if you can capture the historical context and emotional content of an important period in the history of the People's Republic of China. To improve our ability to interpret your work, be prepared to give a brief presentation describing the symbols, imagery, slogans, etc. on your poster. Please also indicate the hypothetical creator of your poster, as well as the year in which it was created.

Be creative! You are encouraged to incorporate Chinese characters and text into your poster. Additionally, you may seek inspiration for your poster by consulting the works and ideas of Mao, such as those presented in *Quotations from Mao Tse Tung* (sometimes in the West called "Mao's Little Red Book"): <http://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/mao/works/red-book/>