



SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

HOMESICK: MY OWN STORY

By Jean Fritz

Authority

- Describe some of the problems the Chinese people faced in this story.
- How was authority used to resolve these problems?
- What evidence can you cite from the text that illustrates the use of power without authority?
- Identify a student at the British School who exercised power without authority and explain his actions.

Responsibility

- Summarize the responsibilities of Chinese servants in the household of “foreigners.”
- Identify the responsibilities of Jean’s father in his work at the Y.M.C.A.
- What values and interests were in conflict for Jean’s father when violence broke out in Hankow?

Justice

- Use the Intellectual Tool Chart for Issues of Corrective Justice on pp. 209–210 (*Foundations of Democracy*, Grades 6–9) to analyze the wrongs/injuries committed by members of the Communist Party and the Nationalist Army.
- In terms of being fair or unfair, what conclusions can be drawn from the actions of the young Chinese boy who screamed “foreign devil” at Jean after she had earlier befriended him at the Mud Flats?

Privacy

- Explain how Andrea Hull’s family environment influenced her privacy behavior.
- Describe a situation at the British School that serves as an example of informational privacy.

We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

- Connections to text
 1. What conclusions can be drawn from Jean Fritz selecting *Homesick* as the title of her own story?
 2. Explain why she refused to sing “God Save the King” at the British School.
 3. Compare and contrast Jean’s feelings as an American living in China with the feelings of immigrants living in the United States.

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Informational Writing Prompt

Planning

Before you write,

1. read the prompt carefully so you understand exactly what you are being asked to do;
2. consider topic, task, and audience;
3. think about what you want to write;
4. use scratch paper to organize your thoughts. Use strategies like mapping or outlining.

Informational writing prompt

Homesick is the story of ten-year-old Jean Fritz living in China during a period of turmoil when foreigners were becoming increasingly unpopular and unwanted. Write to inform the reader of the problems faced by Jean's family and other foreign families as the revolution reached Hankow.

Writing

As you write,

- maintain a clear and consistent position or claim;
- include specific details; use examples and reasons to support your ideas.
- use a variety of well-constructed, complete sentences;
- use a logical organization with an obvious introduction, body, and conclusion.

Proofreading

After you write,

- check if you supported your ideas with specific details;
- check if the point of view and tone of the essay remain consistent;
- check for capitalization, spelling, sentence structure, punctuation, and usage errors.