

The Little Red Book, otherwise known in China as “Quotations” is truly the biblical text of the Chinese cultural revolution. Composed of quotations of the infamous, or legendary Chinese communist leader Mao Tse-Tung, it became an ideological behemoth in China, and sought to explain the platform of the Chinese communist party to common, everyday people. Lin Biao, Mao’s top military advisor, relentlessly promoted it, viewing it as an ideological super-weapon, and he emphasized how the written word could potentially transform mere ideas into actual concrete, tangible revolutionary movements. Considering that this class focuses specifically on the prose, written word, and art produced during this tumultuous period, it would be wise to familiarize oneself with one of the most widespread texts advocating for left wing political and economic reform that was specifically created to perpetuate and promote the communist cultural revolution on a global scale.

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