

Occupation Again

LEARNING TARGETS

Explain the impact of moving from Japanese to Russian Occupation and the ephemeral quality of Korean liberation.

Understand the Korean appreciation for cosmic tensions in the pursuit of harmony.

PREPARATION

List of questions for Chapters Seven and Eight. (See Appendices.)

Worksheet for *Um* and *Yang* / Harmony.

GETTING STARTED

Take a few minutes to insure that the vocabulary lists, including the class one, include all new terminology. Review the symbolism on the Korean flag and its significance to the Korean people.

DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING

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Ask the students to provide examples from the story of darkness/light, evil/good, abuse/kindness, and pain/joy. Invite the students to identify other oppositional forces and give examples from the story.

Suggest that today's journal entry could develop the idea of *um* and *yang* or related ideas.

ACTIVELY ENGAGING THE LEARNER

Distribute the lists of questions for Chapters Seven and Eight, reading them aloud for the students. Explain that the Russian occupation was different from the Japanese occupation in some ways but similar in other ways. Note: Teachers may need to explain the progress of World War II world-wide and the implication for the Korean situation. Social Studies teachers could provide material and instructional support.

ASSESSMENT

From discussion and journal entries shared during conferencing, evaluate the level of understanding that the student has for the Korean value for harmony.



Harmony

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Provide examples of dark/light, evil/good, abuse/kindness, pain/joy, and any other oppositional forces from the story.