

“Blue Sky Sign” and “There Will Come Soft Rains” Student Handout

Step 1: Examine the image titled “Blue Sky Sign” and record your three observations below:

- **S**urprising: One surprising element or part of the image was _____
_____.
- **I**nteresting: One interesting element or part of the image was _____
_____.
- **T**roubling: One troubling element or part of the image was _____
_____.

Step 2: Theme of the “Blue Sky Sign”

- What are some possible themes conveyed through this image of the “Blue Sky Sign” in Tiananmen Square? What message may the photographer of this image be trying to send the audience? Explain.

Step 3: Theme of “There Will Come Soft Rains”

- Think back to our analysis of “There Will Come Soft Rains.” What are some themes (messages or lessons) that are conveyed in this text?

Step 4: Synthesize your analysis

- How are the image and the text related? In other words, what do the two have in common?

Step 5: Reflect

- Can human rights be sustained if nature’s rights are violated or destroyed? Explain your thoughts using evidence from the “Blue Sky Sign” image and “There Will Come Soft Rains.”

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