

April 8, 2020 Mrs. Clark's Grade 10 ELA

Forbidden City

Dear Grade Tens:

Well, clearly today is the day that we are going to finish reading Forbidden City (if you haven't finished it already).

Please read to the end of June 28 and also read the "Afterword" that follows that last chapter. Notice that the afterword tells us that following the Beijing massacre of June 4, the Mayor of Beijing made his official statement that "no one, including those who refused but were forced to leave, died." Incredibly, despite the information that has since come out, China continues to maintain to this day that no one was killed. The US government has collected information from many sources including media, Chinese citizens who were there, and organizations like the Red Cross, and estimates that more than 10,000 Chinese citizens lost their lives.

Please complete the remaining questions # 9 - 14 but leave out #13 (we will be elaborating on this topic in our next lesson).

For question #14, I would like to see you write a detailed answer about the "double meaning" of the novel's title Forbidden City...

Explain in a well written paragraph both 1) the actual Forbidden City in Beijing- that is, What is the Forbidden City that Alex tours and describes in the book?, and 2) the implication that something else was being hidden or forbidden in Beijing when Alex was there (freedom, democracy, honesty etc.)

If you have any questions, please email me at lclark@sunrisesd.ca or call the office (204-367-2296) and leave a message for me to call you back. (Be sure to leave a phone number where I can reach you!)

Good luck and take care!

Mrs. Clark

"Freedom lies in being bold." — Robert Frost