Mao Zedong’s *Little Red Book*

"As communists we gain control with the power of the gun and maintain control with the power of the pen."
--- Mao Zedong

Instructions: Imagine yourself a Chinese citizen during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. As you consider and paraphrase each of Mao’s sayings taken from his *Little Red Book*, reflect on how these beliefs and rules might impact your life.

*Our chief method is to learn warfare through warfare. A person who has had no opportunity to go to school can also learn warfare --- he can learn through fighting in war.*

Restate, in your own words: ____________________________________________
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How might this belief impact your life as a Chinese citizen?
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*Conditions are changing all the time, and to adapt one’s thinking to the new conditions, one must study.*

Restate, in your own words: ____________________________________________
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How might this belief impact your life as a Chinese citizen?
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*It has become necessary to arouse the great mass of women who did not work in the fields before to take their place on the labor front.... China’s women are a vast reserve of labor power. This reserve should be tapped in the struggle to build a great socialist country.*

Restate, in your own words: ____________________________________________
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How might this belief impact your life as a Chinese citizen?
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