



White Terror History

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Taiwan is a small island in Asia. Many years ago, Taiwan had a very difficult time in its history. This time was called the White Terror. It lasted from 1949 to 1987. That is almost 40 years of very hard times for the people of Taiwan.

During the White Terror, the **government** made very strict **rules**. People could not say bad things about the leaders of the country. They could not talk about new ideas for Taiwan. If someone broke the rules, they were in danger. Life was very difficult for many families.

Some people were put in **prison** because they talked about freedom. Others were punished because they wanted to **change** how the country worked. The government was very powerful. Soldiers and police watched what people said and did every day.

Many people felt very **afraid** during this time. They did not know if they could trust their friends or neighbors. Some people were taken away by the government. Their families sometimes did not know where they went. It was a very sad and scary time for many people.

Today, Taiwan is a free country. People can speak and think freely. They can vote and choose their leaders. Taiwan remembers this difficult time in its history. There are museums and special days to honor the people who suffered. People learn about the White Terror so it does not happen again.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. government ____ | a. things that happened in the past |
| 2. rules ____ | b. to feel great pain or sadness |
| 3. afraid ____ | c. feeling fear or worry about something |
| 4. prison ____ | d. made to suffer for doing something wrong |
| 5. change ____ | e. to believe that someone is honest and good |
| 6. history ____ | f. group of people who control and run a country |
| 7. freedom ____ | g. things people must do or must not do |
| 8. punished ____ | h. building where people are kept as punishment |
| 9. trust ____ | i. to make or become something different |
| 10. suffer ____ | j. right to speak and act without being controlled |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. The White Terror happened in Taiwan. | ____ 2. The White Terror lasted for about 10 years. |
| ____ 3. People could not say bad things about the leaders during the White Terror. | ____ 4. During the White Terror, people felt very free and happy. |

___ 5. Some people were put in prison for talking about freedom.

___ 7. Taiwan is a free country today.

___ 9. The White Terror started in 1987.

___ 6. The government was very weak during the White Terror.

___ 8. People in Taiwan can vote and choose their leaders today.

___ 10. Taiwan has museums to help people remember the White Terror.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: government, prison, rules, afraid, freedom, change, history, trust

1. The _____ made very strict rules for the people of Taiwan.

2. Some people were sent to _____ because they talked about freedom.

3. People could not break the _____ of the government.

4. Many people felt very _____ during the White Terror.

5. People wanted to have _____ to speak and think.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. When did the White Terror begin and end?

2. Why were some people sent to prison during the White Terror?

3. How does Taiwan remember the White Terror today?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important for people to learn about sad events in history?

2. What is one freedom that is important to you? Tell a partner about it.



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-f, 2-g, 3-c, 4-h, 5-i, 6-a, 7-j, 8-d, 9-e, 10-b

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-T, 9-F, 10-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-government, 2-prison, 3-rules, 4-afraid, 5-freedom

D. Comprehension:

1. The White Terror began in 1949 and ended in 1987.
2. Some people were sent to prison because they talked about freedom or wanted to change how the country worked.
3. Today, Taiwan has museums and special days to honor the people who suffered during the White Terror.

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