

Three Cups of Tea

Three Cups of Tea is a non-fiction book. It will not read like a novel, but it still contains a wonderful story. Here are a few tips to help you read through the book fluently and effectively:


- Don't try to read the whole book in a short amount of time (like you might with a novel). Start early and read a few chapters at a time.
- Don't stress over the vocabulary.
 - There are many unfamiliar words that are not English. Don't worry about pronouncing them perfectly—just understand what *kind* of word it is (person, place, food, etc.)
 - If you do work to get the correct pronunciation, go back to the beginning of the paragraph and reread it fluently with the new word (constantly stopping and starting interferes with comprehension).
 - In this book, most unfamiliar words are followed by a phrase describing what the word means.
- Understand the location in the world and how that affects the story and the people. Try using the SJA database Country Watch found through the SJA Website—Library/MC—Online Resources—Country Watch (http://www.countrywatch.com/cw_default.aspx) Please contact a Teacher-Librarian for the password. (Mrs. Synk rsynk@sja1890.org)
- Pay attention to references to the government, politics, and religious/social beliefs mentioned in the story.
- The book refers to events in the author's past. Pay attention to this and understand how that past influenced the main events in the story.

SERIES OF EVENTS GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

*This type of graphic organizer can be very useful in history-based classes. Again, it can help you remember details and dates, but also helps see how one thing leads to another.


First Event

How did the chapter begin?



**Intervening
Events**

What are the main events that led from the beginning to the end of the chapter?



Ending Event

How did the chapter end?

MAIN IDEA/DETAILS

This type of note-taking is very similar an outline form in that you would still indent to show the levels of supporting details. It is a different visual arrangement.

1. Divide your paper into 2 columns; a smaller left column and a larger right column.
2. Write the details in the right hand column.
3. Write the main ideas you have gained from the details in the left column.
4. Leave good space between each set of main ideas/details.

Example:

Main Idea

Detail
Detail
 clarification
Detail
 clarification
 clarification
Detail

Main Idea

Detail
 clarification
Detail
Detail
 clarification

Write down the details while you are reading. THEN go back and try to pull out the main ideas from each chapter.

WEBBING

Webbing is a way to organize information in more of a picture form than a lot of words and sentences. **A web also helps your brain make important connections between ideas and concepts!**

Example:

