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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. CHE GUEVARA: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Che Guevara. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

diary / combatant / colleagues / secret / victory / distort things / commercial success / qualified / medical doctor / injustices / impoverished / freedom fighter / courage

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DIARY: Whose would be most interesting to read and why? Complete this table and share it with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	Why?	What would you hope to read?
US President		
National hero		
Soldier		
Rock star		
Astronaut		
Best friend		

4. FREEDOM FIGHTERS: Students A **strongly** believe they are the same as terrorists; Students B **strongly** believe they are heroes. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. HEROES: Who are your biggest heroes? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- Family member
- Friend
- Sports star
- Business person
- Soldier / Police officer / Firefighter...
- Voluntary worker
- Politician
- Actor

6. REBEL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'rebel'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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|---|-------|
| a. Che Guevara's newly published diary is about his teenage years. | T / F |
| b. The diaries are a big surprise to Che Guevara's widow. | T / F |
| c. His widow recently had a heart transplant. | T / F |
| d. Earlier Che Guevara diaries have sold well. | T / F |
| e. Che Guevara was born in Cuba and moved to Argentina as a child. | T / F |
| f. He believed capitalism was an evil thing. | T / F |
| g. He died in Bolivia after being involved in an unsuccessful revolution. | T / F |
| h. Cubans admire Guevara's determination, dignity and bravery. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. legendary | a. whole |
| 2. combatant | b. bravery |
| 3. declared | c. stated |
| 4. entire | d. poor |
| 5. highly | e. amazing |
| 6. opinions | f. fighter |
| 7. impoverished | g. put to death |
| 8. executed | h. very |
| 9. extraordinary | i. famous |
| 10. courage | j. thoughts |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. legendary freedom | a. twentieth century |
| 2. from the time he | b. victory |
| 3. his rebel colleagues declared | c. of dignity |
| 4. kept the diaries a secret | d. arrived in Cuba |
| 5. had a change of | e. of the continent |
| 6. political | f. fighter Che Guevara |
| 7. impoverished regions | g. tribute to him |
| 8. an icon of the | h. heart |
| 9. Cubans paid | i. for fifty years |
| 10. a deep sense | j. opinions |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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distort
declared
legendary
heart
time
commercial
secret
entire

Ernesto "Che" Guevara was born in Argentina in 1928. He (9) _____ as a medical doctor but his political opinions led him to learn about the (10) _____ in South and Central America. His motorbike tour took him to many impoverished (11) _____ of the continent. He became a fierce opponent of capitalism, which he said created (12) _____ inequality. Guevara became one of history's best-known freedom fighters. His (13) _____ in the Cuban revolution made him an icon of the twentieth century. He was captured and (14) _____ in 1967 in Bolivia after starting an unsuccessful revolution there. Cubans paid (15) _____ to him after the publication, saying: "He had an iron will, an extraordinary courage, and a deep (16) _____ of dignity".

role
regions
tribute
qualified
sense
injustices
executed
great

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'freedom' and 'fighter'.

freedom	fighter
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• legendary• until• declared• recently• commercial• highly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• medical• tour• fierce• role• paid• deep
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STUDENT CHE GUEVARA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Che Guevara in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CHE GUEVARA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the term 'freedom fighter'?
- c) What are the differences between a freedom fighter and a terrorist?
- d) Would you ever support a freedom fighter?
- e) What do you know about Che Guevara?
- f) Would you like to read Che Guevara's new diary?
- g) Why do you think his widow kept the diary a secret for five decades?
- h) What kind of life do you think Che Guevara had?
- i) What are the good and bad things about keeping a diary?
- j) Why would people want (or not) to read a diary you wrote?

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CHE GUEVARA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What do you think of Che Guevara giving up a medical career to be a revolutionary?
- c) Would you fight for injustice in the world?
- d) Do you think capitalism creates great inequality?
- e) Why has Che Guevara become a cultural icon?
- f) How would Guevara's name be different if his Bolivian revolution had succeeded?
- g) What other figures in history are similar to Che Guevara?
- h) If you were a cultural icon, what would you like to have done?
- i) What three adjectives would you use to describe this story?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Che Guevara's widow?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) legendary | (b) legend | (c) legends | (d) legended |
| 2. | (a) attack | (b) counter | (c) rebel | (d) opposite |
| 3. | (a) liver | (b) heart | (c) lungs | (d) brain |
| 4. | (a) all | (b) every | (c) entire | (d) each |
| 5. | (a) recess | (b) access | (c) success | (d) process |
| 6. | (a) highly | (b) tall | (c) height | (d) above |
| 7. | (a) was | (b) has | (c) is | (d) as |
| 8. | (a) gave | (b) took | (c) had | (d) been |
| 9. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) from | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) role | (b) roll | (c) real | (d) rile |
| 11. | (a) bought | (b) paid | (c) purchased | (d) sold |
| 12. | (a) onion | (b) ion | (c) union | (d) iron |

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Che Guevara. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CHE GUEVARA: Make a poster about Che Guevara and Cuba. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FREEDOM FIGHTER: Write a magazine article about freedom fighters. Include imaginary interviews with a freedom fighter and the head of a nation's armed forces.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a Che Guevara expert. Ask him/her three questions about Che. Give him/her three of your opinions on him. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. F c. F d. T e. F f. T g. T h. T

SYNONYM MATCH:

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. legendary | a. famous |
| 2. combatant | b. fighter |
| 3. declared | c. stated |
| 4. entire | d. whole |
| 5. highly | e. very |
| 6. opinions | f. thoughts |
| 7. impoverished | g. poor |
| 8. executed | h. put to death |
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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - a 2 - c 3 - b 4 - d 5 - c 6 - a 7 - d 8 - b 9 - c 10 - a 11 - b 12 - d