

Critical Response: Enemies of the People
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress

Write at least a one page response to the prompt.

Include at least one quote from both the novel and an outside resource in each of your main body paragraphs.

Why have the narrator and Luo's parents been named "enemies of the people"? What were their crimes? Why were thousands of Chinese classified as "enemies of the people"? (will require you to review Wiki article) How does this classification affect the fate of the two boys? Why did China want to re-educate people like the narrator and Luo? Provide historical facts or examples to support your ideas.