

Topic: "Heros and History" from March's Easy English News

Volunteers: Laureen, Ruth, Meghan

Students: Hyunju, Satoko, Rainbow, Jing Sun, Xi Lin, Mika, and Kathy

Notes:

We had a great group yesterday and quite a few folks that I'd not had the opportunity to meet before! First we read the article using the "shadow" method you recommended. Jing Sun really helped out in understanding the technique. I had a hard time determining if the entire group liked doing it that way... Jing Sun definitely did. But after we did that, Hyunju asked to go around and repeat the text individually. So we did that as well. Afterwards, we reviewed vocabulary and any words that the students were not familiar with. Then we had a very lively discussion about the history of organized labor in our country, as well as Japan, Korea, and China. By the time we had coffee, class was mostly over, so we wrapped up afterwards.

Two important notes:

1. Satoko's daughter, who is 16, has been selected by the Pgh Concert Society for a violin recital at the Kresge Theatre at CMU on April 8th. This is a pretty coveted honor and only a few kids are selected. You could really tell how proud Satoko was of her. For anyone interested in attending, you can get tickets online at the Society's webpage.
2. Xi Lin has just taken a part time position with an international exchange student organization, called NIESL.(Navigate, Inspire, Empower, Secure, Love). Her job is locating families to host foreign exchange students.