

Brinton's Theory vs. Ours!

When Crane Brinton compared a revolution to a disease, I doubt that he thought that he would start a revolution in itself; a group of grade 9's with a mission to create a metaphor, and a machine, for a revolution. In our case, we have 4 metaphors, one for each stage of a revolution. When we compare our metaphors for each of the stages, and Brinton's theory, we see similarities and differences. *please note that our metaphors will be listed in red, and Brinton's will be in green. Phase 1-Incubation: Our metaphor for this is that Incubation is a messed up, twisted, kids storybook. At first glance, it looks perfect and innocent, when you look further you find terror and a underlying sense of dread. Phase 1-Incubation: symptoms of the disease are present before the huge outbreak, and these symptoms lead to a fall in power. Phase 2-First Stage: Our metaphor is that the First Stage is a popping balloon. A small action, with a direct purpose, that can lead to something unpredictable. Phase 2-First Stage: revolutions lead by moderates, no violence or extremism used. Phase 3-Crisis Stage: This metaphor is a swinging hammer. A dangerous object for anyone, and one it gets released, there is no knowing where it might fall. Phase 3-Crisis Stage: The use of violence increases, moves against religion are made, and the killing of important figures, such as monarchs. Phase 4-Recovery Stage: Our final metaphor is a banner drop, waiting for news to be unraveled. Will it be good or bad? Phase 4-Recovery Stage: the reign of terror and dread ends, radicals are diminished, and moderates reign.

As we go through our journey, I encourage you to think of our story and metaphors, and how Brinton's theory compares.

