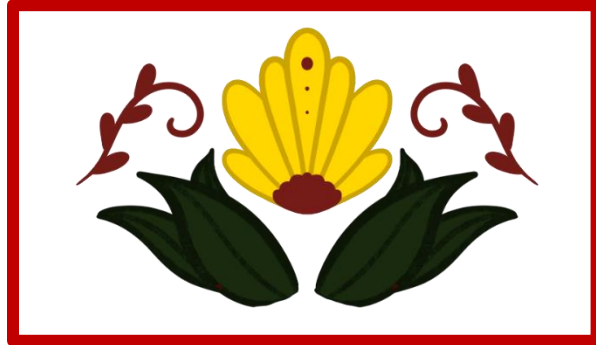


**Discussion Questions for
Classrooms & Homeschools
*Three Colors of Courage***



1. Have you read any of the five novels Adriana reads? If so, how did that help you follow the story?

2. What does Adriana learn from each of the novels she reads?
 - To Kill a Mockingbird*
 - Animal Farm*
 - Sense and Sensibility*
 - Les Misérables*
 - A Christmas Carol*

3. Adriana expected 1989 to be an uneventful year (page 8). Timotei expected history to be made in 1989 (page 5). How did they have such different expectations?

4. How did the demise of Communist regimes in neighboring countries affect the people of Romania? What about the attempt to secure freedom in Tiananmen Square in China?

5. How did life in Bucharest become more difficult under the Austerity Policy (chapter 13)?

6. What was the significance of the Soviet Union's new programs: *glasnost*—meaning openness—and *perestroika*—restructuring?

7. How was Adriana affected by gaslighting—a form of *zersetzung*? Why was this an effective weapon of the secret police?

8. The revolution began 15 December 1989 in Timișoara and ended 22 December 1989 in Bucharest. How do you think the people were able to be victorious over the military and the secret police?

9. Do you think Nicolae and Elena Ceaușescu received a fair trial? Why or why not?

10. In the last chapter (pages 305-306), each of the characters states what they hope for most with their newfound freedom. List some of the areas where they wished to see change.