**What’s a Red**

**Notes on Reds**

Throughout *The Grapes of Wrath* there are passages that involve the idea of “Reds,” communists, socialists, threats of revolt, or any passage that discusses the greed of banks, large land owners, or the growers associations. These are important, and controversial topics to discuss. Use the chart below to keep notes and analyze passages of the novel.

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| **Quote or Passage** | **Reaction, 1930s** | **Reaction, Today** |
| **Example:**  “If we was all mad the same way, Tom – they wouldn’t hunt nobody down…” (77). | **Example:**  Growers associations and government officials might hear this as a threat to violence. | **Example:**  Today government officials might hear this as a call for a protest or march. |
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