

Sounds of the River A Young Man's University Days in Beijing

A) Themes that correspond directly to FYS 101 course:

- 1) Going away to college, moving in and meeting roommates – pg 18
 - Da arrives at the university, finds his room and meets his two new roommates
- 2) College Food – pg 26
 - Da visits the university cafeteria and learns about the fun of college dining
- 3) First College Class – pg 35
 - Da attends his first class and meets new classmates
- 4) Finding a Mentor – pg 49
 - Da meets his first mentor, Mr. Tu
- 5) Time Management and Study Habits – pg 51
 - Da's first attempt at time management may be a little heavy on the studying
- 6) Doing your own laundry, sharing bathrooms and showers– pg 55
 - Da tries to do laundry for the first time and learns all about public bathrooms and showers
- 7) Weekends, Being Homesick and Parties – pg 75
 - Da is homesick, especially on the weekends, but he discovers something to do
- 8) Going home for winter break – pg 123
 - With his first university semester under his belt, Da goes home for Winter break
- 9) Being Sick Away from Home – pg 184
 - Da experiences being sick for the first time since being away from home and taking care of himself
- 10) Getting work experience, Internships, Summer Jobs – pg 215
 - Da spends his summer gaining work experience and making connections for his future
- 11) First Job after Graduation – pg 247
 - At twenty, Da begins his first teaching job after graduation

B) Themes that may not directly correspond with the first year, however are relatable and students are talking about:

- 1) Showering with a professor – pg 57
 - Da encounters one of his professors in the shower

- 2) Inappropriate Relationship with Faculty – pg 69
 - Da learns that his one of his roommates is having an affair with a professor

- 3) Religious Differences and Exploration – pg 81
 - Da befriends people from different religious backgrounds

- 4) Pornography – pg 142
 - While home on winter break, Da shares some new material with his friends

- 5) Suicide and Suicidal Roommate – pg 175
 - Da learns one of his roommates has committed suicide