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On the Socialist Core and Its Modern and Contemporary Values in *How the Steel was Tempered* from the Perspective of Education

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Abstract

In-depth study of literary appreciation and its educational value for the book "How the Steel was Tempered", interpreted from a pedagogical perspective and in the context of socialist core values. Firstly, starting from the socialist core, the deep relationship between characterization, plot setting and theme is analyzed. Secondly, through the analysis of the growth experience of the hero, Paul Kochagin, the educational significance of his socialist spirit such as adhering to ideals and faiths, unremitting self-improvement and optimism is revealed. Finally, the paper discusses the value of the work in the contemporary content, emphasizing its positive effects on cultivating contemporary youth to take social responsibility, promoting the socialist core values, and upgrading the national moral quality. The research shows that "How the Steel was Tempered", with its profound socialist core and extensive educational value, is of great practical significance for us to deepen the education of socialist core values and guide the youth to establish a correct worldview and values.

Keywords

How the Steel was Tempered, socialist core, educational values, socialist core values, youth values

Foreword

"How the Steel was Tempered", a globally popular and far-reaching work of youth literature, attracts all kinds of readers with its distinctive socialist characteristics, profound philosophical reflections, and unique educational value. Under the contemporary background of rapid changes happened in society and values, in-depth exploration of this work and analysis of its socialist kernel and application from a pedagogical point of view not only analyzes the deep connection between its characterization, plot setting and the theme, but also reveals the socialist spirit of strong faith, self-improvement, optimism and positivity that it contains, and has a profound influence on the growth of adolescents. And from the perspective of socialist core values, it also reflects the positive role of the work in cultivating contemporary youth to take up social responsibility, promoting socialist core values, as well as upgrading the moral quality of the nation. Deepening the education of socialist core values and guiding young people to establish a correct worldview and values are of great significance to our reality.

1. Analyzing the Socialist Core of "How the Steel was Tempered"

1.1 The Embodiment of Socialist Ideas in the Book

As a classic work of socialist literature, *How the Steel was Tempered* is permeated with socialist ideas in every part of its work, which is not only reflected in the overall structure of the story, but also deeply reflected in the details and characterization (Liu, 2021). The book reflects the heroic struggle and sacrifice of Russian workers and peasants in overturning the old society and building a new one through the depiction of social reality, which shows the deep core of socialist ideas.

The work vividly expounds the specific content of socialist core values through the growth process and revolutionary experience of the hero, Paul Kochagin. The ideals and beliefs pursued by Paul—the struggle for the liberation of all mankind, clearly reveal the core goal of socialism: the realization of social fairness, justice and the happiness of the people. This pursuit runs through Paul's whole life and struggle, and becomes the starting point and destination of all his actions. Paul's perseverance and indomitable will to realize this ideal demonstrates the strength and importance of socialism in fostering firm ideals and beliefs.

The depiction in the book of the deep friendship between Paul and his comrades in the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army reflects a new type of interpersonal relationship under socialism, embodying equality, mutual assistance and unity among people. Whether in battle or in ordinary work and life, Paul and his comrades always maintain a high spirit of unity and collaboration, and strive for the common goal. This spirit is not only an important part of socialist ideas, but also epitomizes the ideal interpersonal relationship in a socialist society (Liu, 2020).

Every important event and conflict in the plot implies a complete rejection of the old society and a

longing for the new society. For example, Paul's heroic deeds in the civil war and his strong struggle in the cruel environment reveal the cruelty of the old society and the necessity of socialist revolution. Through Paul's psychological activities and ideological transformation, the book shows a series of processes from his individual awakening to group action, specifically reflecting the socialist values centered on collectivism and the masses.

Through the in-depth analysis of the socialist ideas in "How the Steel was Tempered", it is not difficult to find that the work is not only a specific literary reflection of a historical period, but also a vivid interpretation and concrete practice of socialist ideas. The penetration and embodiment of this idea not only adds rich ideological connotation to the work, but also provides valuable spiritual wealth for future generations. Whether at the literary level or at the ideological level, this work demonstrates the great influence and lasting charm of socialist ideas.

1.2 Socialist Spirit in Characterization

"How the Steel was Tempered" deeply shows the socialist spirit through characterization. As the hero of the book, the image of Paul Kochagin becomes a concentrated manifestation of the socialist spirit. In Paul's characterization, his growth process from an ordinary worker to a determined revolutionary fully reflects the firm socialist faith (Luo, 2019). Paul's courageous and indomitable spirit on the battlefield demonstrates the socialist values of bravery and dedication.

The tenacity and indomitable spirit that Paul showed in his fight against his illness is also an important expression of the socialist spirit. He faced life positively with an attitude of self-improvement when he suffered both physical and mental blows. This quality of defying difficulties and tenacity is a true portrayal of the spirit of struggle advocated in the socialist core values. When Paul was in conflict with his personal interests and the cause of the revolution, he chose the latter without hesitation, showing a high degree of collectivism and the quality of selfless dedication. This kind of altruistic thought is also an important content in the socialist core values (Zhu & Liu, 2019).

Through the figure of Paul, "How the Steel was Tempered" not only interprets the individual's struggle and dedication in a socialist society, but also conveys the proletarian revolutionaries' firm ideals of pursuing freedom, equality and justice through this representative character. In depicting Paul's growth, the book focuses on his temper in the revolutionary cause, which symbolizes the close combination of the individual and the collective in the process of building a socialist country, and also reflects the cultivation and shaping of people in a socialist society. The socialist spirit in the portrayal of these characters gives the book a deep ideological connotation, making it an important literary work for understanding and promoting socialist core values.

1.3 The Connection between Plot Settings and Socialist Core Values

The plot setting of *How the Steel was Tempered* is closely related to the core socialist values. The novel vividly demonstrates the concrete practice of the socialist spirit through Paul Korchagin's growth experience and struggle. In the plot arrangement, Paul experienced the baptism of war, physical disability and other tests, but always kept the revolutionary ideals unshaken, showing the loyalty to the

motherland and the people, the relentless pursuit of the communist cause. These episodes highlight the elements of socialist core values such as patriotism, dedication and integrity, and deepen the understanding and recognition of these values through a series of conflicts and challenges. The hardship in the novel contrasts with Paul's strong will, enabling readers to deeply appreciate the power of the socialist spirit. This plot setting not only enriches the emotional level of the story, but also provides readers with a vivid model of value education (Wang, 2019).

2. Discussion on the Educational Value of "How the Steel Was Tempered"

2.1 The Educational Significance of Paul Kochagin's Growth Experience

Paul Kochagin is the core figure in "How the Steel was Tempered", and his growth experience embodies rich educational significance. Paul grows up from an ordinary worker's son to a determined communist fighter, a process that not only shapes his resilient character, but also highlights the important role of socialist core values in personal growth.

Paul's growing experience demonstrates his firm pursuit of ideal beliefs (Dong, 2019). In the face of difficulties and challenges in life, Paul never gave up the desire and pursuit of a better future, and this spiritual trait is of great educational significance for young people to establish correct ideal beliefs. As a young man who gradually moves from the bottom of society to the forefront of the revolution, Paul's experience also reflects the contradictions and struggles between different social classes, revealing the driving role of class struggle in personal growth.

Paul's spirit of unrelenting self-improvement has been vividly manifested in his growth process. He overcame his own defeats without fear of difficulties and improved his ability through continuous learning and practice. This spirit of unrelenting self-improvement is undoubtedly a kind of inspiration for contemporary youth when they face difficulties in life and study. Paul's learning attitude and the spirit of striving hard in the face of adversity highlight the importance of individuals realizing the value of life through their own efforts (Ni & Zhang, 2020).

Paul's optimistic and positive mindset and selfless dedication is also an important part of his growth experience. In the face of physical illness and life hardship, he always remained optimistic and firm in his beliefs, dedicating himself to the cause of the revolution. This spiritual outlook has a profound educational significance for young people in contemporary society. By learning this mentality and spirit of Paul, young people can better cope with difficulties in real life and cultivate a positive and upward attitude towards life and selflessness.

Through Paul's growth experience, "How the Steel was Tempered" not only shows the path of an individual's growth under the guidance of socialist core values, but also highlights the specific application of these values in real life. Paul's deeds inspire educators to pay attention to integrating socialist core values into their daily education when guiding young people to establish a correct worldview, outlook on life and values, so that the socialist spirit can take root and sprout in the hearts of young people.

2.2 *The Socialist Spirit Revealed in the Book*

"How the Steel was Tempered", through the rich plots and delicate descriptions, vividly shows the socialist spirit (Li, 2019). Take Paul Kochagin as an example, he is not only a young man who actively devotes himself to the revolutionary cause, but also a character who always sticks to his socialist belief in the face of all kinds of dilemmas and challenges in life (Li, 2022). Paul gradually grew from an ordinary worker to a determined communist fighter, reflecting the pursuit of truth and social justice of the unrelenting efforts and struggles.

The socialist spirit in the book is reflected in Paul's quality of unrelenting self-improvement. Paul puts in great efforts in the face of adversity, keeps on learning and self-improvement, does not fear setbacks and illnesses, and insists on fighting against unpredictable destinies. It is the spirit that is consistent with the self-reliance and tenacity advocated by socialism.

An optimistic and positive outlook on life is another prominent feature of the book. Even in the most difficult times, Paul still maintains an optimistic attitude towards the future. It is this optimistic and positive spirit that enables him to find a new meaning of life in the cruel reality after losing his ability to work, and continue to contribute to society, which is consistent with the spirit of being positive and rising to the challenges advocated by socialism.

The spirit of unity and cooperation is fully reflected in the book. The book repeatedly depicts Paul and his comrades in combat, labor in the mutual concern, mutual help, and common struggle. This spirit of unity and cooperation is exactly a concrete expression of socialist collectivist values, emphasizing the close relationship between the individual and the collective, the individual and society.

"How the Steel was Tempered", through the image of Paul Kochagin, deeply reflects the socialist spirit, which not only has far-reaching educational significance for the readers, but also provides the spiritual impetus for the promotion of the socialist cause in a specific historical period.

2.3 *The Integration of Collectivism and Labor Spirituality in a Pedagogical Perspective*

In the monumental work, "How the Steel Was Tempered", the fusion of the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor is not only the soul of the novel in shaping vivid characters, but also a profound enlightenment to the field of education. From the perspective of pedagogy, these two spirits are important cornerstones for cultivating students to become well-rounded and socially responsible.

In the novel, the workers of the steel mill, together with the engineers, form a collective full of vitality and creativity. Through close cooperation, they converge their individual strengths into collective strengths in the common pursuit of producing more and better steel. This kind of collaborative relationship is the vivid embodiment of the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor in the practice of education. In the course of education, we likewise need to cultivate the spirit of collectivism among students. By organizing collective activities, encouraging teamwork and reinforcing the sense of collective honor, students can deeply understand the power of the collective and know how to cherish the collective honor and take responsibility. At the same time, the cultivation of the spirit of labor is also indispensable. Through labor practice, students can experience the hardship and joy of labor, know

how to respect labor, love labor, and then cultivate their diligence, hard work, innovative qualities. In today's society, with the advancement of science and technology and the development of the economy, the integration of the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor highlights its importance even more. In a highly competitive social environment, the power of a team can often surpass the ability of an individual. Therefore, we need to educate students to learn to unite and cooperate, help each other, face challenges and overcome difficulties together. At the same time, we also need to pay attention to the cultivation of students' innovative spirit and practical ability, so that they can continuously explore their potential and improve their ability in practice, and contribute to the development of the team.

In short, the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor in "How the Steel was Tempered" provides us with valuable educational enlightenment. In educational practice, we should pay attention to the cultivation of students' collectivism and labor spirit, so that they can become excellent talents with a sense of social responsibility and all-round development. In this way, our education can better serve the society and promote its development.

2.4 The Educational Source and Application of How the Steel Was Tempered

The educational significance of "How the Steel was Tempered" stems from its rich socialist spiritual core and vivid characterization. Paul Kochagin's personality traits of perseverance, resilience and loyalty to the revolutionary cause distinctly demonstrate the socialist beliefs, and these traits provide valuable teaching materials for the moral education of young people. The description of Paul's close connection with the working class and the revolutionary struggle in the book reflects the importance of the spirit of collectivism and social responsibility, which has far-reaching educational significance for cultivating young people's sense of social responsibility and teamwork.

In the application chapter, literature education can guide students to understand and practice socialist core values through character analysis, plot discussion and theme extraction. For example, by analyzing Paul's growth experience, students can be guided to appreciate the value of tenacity, struggle and dedication, and then their learning motivation and ideal beliefs can be also stimulated. Educators can also extract classic fragments from the book for case study teaching, combining the ideas in the book with real life to improve students' moral judgment and sense of social identity.

Through diversified educational means, the educational significance of "How the Steel was Tempered" can be fully utilized in contemporary teaching practice, providing theoretical support and spiritual motivation for the comprehensive development of young people.

3. The Value of "How the Steel Was Tempered" in the Modern Day

3.1 The Relationship between How the Steel Was Tempered and the Values of Contemporary Youth

As a classic literary work that deconstructs socialist ideals, *How the Steel was Tempered* is closely related to the values of contemporary youth. The novel shows the socialist core values of indomitable struggle, pursuit of ideals, and loyalty to beliefs through the growth and struggle of the hero, Paul Kochagin. These spiritual elements resonate deeply with the value orientation of contemporary youth

and help guide and shape their inner qualities.

Paul Kochagin's perseverance and optimistic spirit in the face of various difficulties has a strong demonstration effect on contemporary youth. In today's era of information explosion and material abundance, many teenagers are easily tempted to get lost in the pursuit of rapid success and hedonism. Through Paul's unremitting struggle and self-realization, "How the Steel was Tempered" conveys profound concepts about perseverance, patience and persistence to the youth. These concepts can help them better cope with the challenges in life and study, and further enhance their pursuit of ideals and goals.

Paul's patriotism and collectivism also have a subtle influence on the social responsibility of contemporary youth. Paul's whole life in the novel is struggling for the happiness of the motherland and the people. This spirit of selfless dedication and responsibility is highly consistent with the socialist core values advocated by contemporary society. By learning from the deeds of Paul, young people can better understand and fulfill their social responsibilities, and establish a sense of identity and belonging to their country and society.

The values of unity, cooperation, mutual assistance and friendship conveyed in "How the Steel was Tempered" are also of great educational significance to contemporary youth. Under the background of the increasingly complex social division of labor and the diversification of interpersonal relationships, how to correctly deal with the relationship between individuals and others, and between individuals and society, has become a topic that must be faced by young people in the course of their growth. The spirit of mutual assistance between Paul and his comrades in the revolutionary struggle can inspire young people to establish a sense of teamwork and cultivate the excellent qualities of respecting others and helping others.

In the final analysis, the novel "How the Steel was Tempered" not only has an important position in the history of literature, but also plays a positive educational role in contemporary society because of its profound ideological connotation. Through the understanding and study of Paul Kochagin's growth story, contemporary youth can draw spiritual nourishment from it, improve their own quality, cultivate correct values, and then contribute to the realization of the goal of socialist core values.

3.2 The Modern and Contemporary Values of Collectivism and Labor Spirit in How the Steel Was Tempered

The spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor are important components in the history of the development of human civilization. As the epitome of modern industry, the iron and steel industry has gradually reflected these two spirits in the course of its development. Nowadays, with the rapid development of society and technology and the intensification of international competition, the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor are taking on new values.

First of all, the spirit of collectivism has been widely used in modern and contemporary times. In enterprise management, emphasizing mutual cooperation and teamwork among employees and combining individual interests with collective interests are necessary for building a harmonious

enterprise culture and improving enterprise benefit. In addition, advocating respect for collective will and interests and effectively safeguarding the rights and interests of the people in political and social construction are also important guarantees for promoting social progress and ethnic unity.

Secondly, the spirit of labor is also of great significance in modern and contemporary times. With the deepening development of industrialization, informatization and intellectualization, the upgrading of labor skills is accelerating day by day, and the continuous improvement of the quality and skills of workers is indispensable to the enhancement of the country's comprehensive national strength and the improving of the core competitiveness of enterprises. In addition, the spirit of hard work and the pursuit of excellence in personal job hunting and career development is also the key factor to get rid of poverty and achieve success.

Finally, the modern and contemporary value of the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor lies in the fact that they are not only an important connotation of modern society and enterprise culture, but also a fundamental force for social stability and promotion of the common development of mankind. Therefore, we must attach importance to and strengthen the cultivation and transmission of these two spirits, guide the masses of people to adhere to common values and correctly handle the relationship between the individual and the collective, and between the individual and society, so as to make new contributions to the construction of a beautiful China and the realization of the further development of human civilization.

3.3 Promotion and Enhancement of Socialist Core Values

"How the Steel was Tempered" is of great significance to the promotion and publicizing of socialist core values. Its core values are deeply expressed through the profound expression of characters, plot settings and theme thoughts, showing the socialist spirit, which still has a powerful guiding role in education and society as it enters a new era.

Through the life journey of the hero, Paul Kochagin, the book comprehensively embodies the essence of the socialist core values. Paul's perseverance and indomitable spirit is a symbol of socialist ideals and beliefs, which conveys to readers the values of patriotism, dedication, integrity, and friendliness. He persisted in the struggle and defied difficulties in adversity, and finally realized his life ideals, which fully demonstrated the fighting spirit and tenacious will in the socialist core values. Through Paul's story, the readers can realize the power of faith and the true meaning of life.

In terms of plot setting, "How the Steel was Tempered" shows the hardships and triumphs of the socialist construction period, and comprehensively depicts the magnificent picture of the common progress of The individual and The Times. The various plots in the book not only show the growth and struggle of individuals, but also demonstrate the unity and cooperation of groups, reflecting the harmonious relationship between people in the socialist society. This is of great significance for the contemporary society to advocate a harmonious socialist society, which further promotes the popularization and implementation of the socialist core values.

The theme of the book is also a concrete expression of the socialist core values. Through the unfolding

of the story, the novel profoundly reveals the relationship between the individual and the collective, the ideal and the reality in the socialist society, emphasizing that the fate of the individual should be closely related to the fate of the country, and that the individual's struggle should be closely linked to the progress of society. In today's social environment, its ideological connotation can still serve as an important basis for young people to establish correct values.

Through its interpretation of socialist core values, *How the Steel Was Tempered* provides rich materials and valuable experience for values education in the current society, and has become an important literary work to promote the socialist core values in the context of the new era.

3.4 Value Embodiment of Upgrading the National Moral Quality

"How the Steel was Tempered" has become an important model for improving the national moral quality by shaping the image of Paul Kochagin, showing the noble quality of adhering to morality, helping others and dedication. The protagonist maintains an optimistic and selfless dedication spirit in the difficult environment, which encourages the readers to reflect on their personal moral behavior, pursue self-improvement, and enhance their sense of social responsibility. The moral choices and actions of the characters in the work demonstrate the concrete embodiment of the socialist core values in real life, which is of great practical significance to the construction of good moral customs and the improvement of the overall quality of citizens in contemporary society.

4. Enlightenment and Significance of "How the Steel Was Tempered" to the Education of Socialist Core Values

4.1 Providing a Model for Deepening the Education of Socialist Core Values

"How the Steel was Tempered" (hereinafter referred to as "Steel") plays an important exemplary role in the education of socialist core values. As a typical representative of communist warriors, Paul Kochagin embodies the spirit of selfless dedication and tenacity, and sets a distinctive learning example for contemporary youth. Through the in-depth analysis of the role of Paul, the important connotation of the socialist core values can be deeply understood.

Through Paul's growth experience, "Steel" vividly shows the process of adhering to the ideals under difficult conditions. Paul is not afraid of difficulties and obstacles, and pays a huge personal price for the realization of a better future for society. This spiritual core is in line with the socialist core values of "dedication" and "devotion", and guides young people to understand and practice these values. From Paul's indomitable spirit of struggle, it is impossible to feel the perseverance in the face of setbacks, inspiring young people to overcome difficulties and move forward in their studies and lives, and contributing to the progress of society.

"Steel" also provides valuable educational resources in terms of teamwork and collectivism. The collective concept and team spirit that Paul demonstrates in the book deepen the ideas of "unity" and "fraternity" in the socialist core values. These qualities are particularly important to the youth of today, helping to cultivate their sense of cooperation and team spirit, and enhancing social cohesion and

centripetal force.

The story of Paul also emphasizes the relationship between the individual and society, which promotes the implementation of socialist core values. In the course of Paul's growth, he always closely integrated his personal destiny with the development of society, reflecting the "patriotic" element of the socialist core values. This spirit can stimulate the youth's sense of social responsibility, guide them to establish a correct worldview and values, and help to form a positive and enterprising social trend to promote the vigorous development of the socialist cause.

The image of Paul in *Steel* is not only an eternal classic in literature, but also an important model in the education of socialist core values. His deeds and qualities provide a vivid learning model for young people to learn from, encouraging them to continuously improve themselves in practice and realize their social ideals. This profound educational significance makes "Steel" an important document for deepening the education of socialist core values with lasting practical significance.

4.2 Guide Teenagers to Establish a Correct World Outlook and Values

The book "How the Steel was Tempered" is not only known for its profound socialist core, but also for its ability to guide young people to build a correct worldview and values. Paul Kochagin, like a mirror, demonstrates the power of the spirit of socialism with his real and tense growth process. Through his life trajectory, young people can deeply feel the importance of firm ideals and beliefs and how to stick to their beliefs in difficult situations.

Paul's life experience is full of hardships and challenges, but he has never given up his faith and pursuit. This spirit of perseverance can inspire young people to face difficulties bravely on the road of life and move forward towards their goals unswervingly. It is in this tenacious spirit that young people learn how to correct their attitudes, not to be knocked down by temporary setbacks, but to realize their self-worth through constant adjustment and hard work.

The selflessness shown in the book further deepens the youth's sense of social responsibility. Paul not only fights for his personal ideal, but also contributes to the progress of the whole society and the happiness of the people. Through reading and studying "How the Steel was Tempered", young people can recognize the close connection between their own responsibility and social development, so as to cultivate a strong sense of responsibility and dedication to society.

In the face of the injustice of fate and the pain of life, Paul always maintains an optimistic and positive attitude, which not only sets an example for young people to treat life correctly, but also teaches them to find strength and hope in difficult situations. This optimistic attitude towards life helps young people to have a positive psychological quality and a strong inner strength in the face of personal difficulties and social challenges.

Through the portrayal of Paul Kochagin, "How the Steel was Tempered" profoundly interprets the socialist core values, so that young people are educated and inspired in a subtle way. Through reading and analyzing this work, young people will not only be able to construct correct worldviews and values, but also physically practice these spirits in their real lives, so as to inject new strength into the

development of the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

4.3 The Educational Significance of Collectivism and Labor Spirit in the Pedagogical Perspective

In the classic work "How the Steel was Tempered", the spirit of collectivism and labor demonstrated by Paul Kochagin provide profound insights for the field of pedagogy. He leads by example, integrates his personal pursuits into collective interests, and pays attention not only to his personal safety and living conditions, but also to the cooperation and common goals of the whole team. This spirit is of great educational significance for cultivating students' sense of social responsibility, teamwork spirit, and the quality of hard work and diligence.

In the modern and contemporary education system, the cultivation of collectivism and the spirit of labor should become an important educational goal. The spirit of collectivism emphasizes the close connection between the individual and the collective, and advocates the combination of individual and collective interests. In educational practice, we should cultivate students' sense of collective honor and responsibility by organizing collective activities and strengthening classroom team building, so that they will know how to cherish the collective, contribute to the collective, and realize the maximization of their self-worth in the team. The cultivation of the spirit of labor should likewise not be neglected. The spirit of labor is the embodiment of diligence, hard work and innovation, and is an important driving force for personal growth and development. In the process of education, we should pay attention to the implementation of labor education, so that students participate in a variety of labor practice activities, experience the hardship and fun of labor, and cultivate their love and respect for labor. At the same time, we should also pay attention to cultivating students' sense of innovation and practical ability, and encourage them to constantly explore and innovate in their labor to improve their comprehensive quality.

In the perspective of pedagogy, the integration of collectivism and the spirit of labor is of even more far-reaching significance. This integration can not only promote the all-round development of students and improve their social adaptability, but also cultivate their teamwork and innovation spirit, so as to cultivate more excellent talents with a sense of responsibility and creativity for the future social construction. In practice, we can also see the results of the application of the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor in the field of education. By emphasizing the cultivation of the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor, some successful schools and enterprises have created a good learning and working atmosphere and improved the overall quality of their students and the competitiveness of their enterprises. These cases provide us with valuable lessons and prove the important role of the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor in the modern and contemporary society.

Therefore, we need to pay more attention to the cultivation of the spirit of collectivism and the spirit of labor in educational practice. Through innovative educational methods and approaches, we can create a positive learning and working atmosphere, stimulate students' motivation and creativity, and cultivate their spirit of teamwork and innovation. Only in this way can we truly cultivate excellent talents with a sense of social responsibility, a spirit of teamwork and a spirit of innovation, so as to make greater

contributions to the construction of society in the future.

4.4 Research and Inspiration for Modern Education

The research and inspiration of "How the Steel was Tempered" for modern education lies in its profound display of socialist core values, providing an example to be learned through the growth of Paul Kochagin. The educational concepts in the work emphasize the adherence of ideals and beliefs, the spirit of striving for self-improvement, and an optimistic and positive attitude towards life, which are important inspirations for modern education to cultivate a sense of responsibility, self-discipline, and moral qualities in students. From this, it is possible to draw out how to use literature as a carrier to strengthen the educational practice of socialist core values, prompt students to form a correct worldview, outlook on life and values, and enhance the depth and effect of education.

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Through an in-depth study of "How the Steel was Tempered", we can clearly see its rich socialist core and extensive educational value. This work not only provides us with spiritual guidance, but also provides us with many practical concepts and methods for educating young people. In the work, the excellent qualities such as firm adherence to ideals and beliefs, unremitting self-improvement, optimism and positivity embodied in the growth experience of the protagonist, Paul Kochagin, provide us with unique educational resources. In this regard, we should actively guide young people to follow his example and carry forward his excellent spirit in order to realize the training and education of young people. However, we should also see that "How the Steel was Tempered" is a work with a strong historical background, and some of its concepts and sentiments may be different from today's social situation. Therefore, when using this work for education, we need to curve the teaching appropriately as that it matches today's socialist core values. In general, through the in-depth study of "How the Steel was Tempered", we have both furthered our understanding of the core values of socialism and gained new insights into our educational work. It is hoped that in our future work, we will be able to further utilize this work to maximize its educational value and make greater contributions to the socialist educational work in our country.

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