

雅思强化口语精讲班第 10 讲讲义

A person in history

历史人物 A person in history

谈论这个卡片的时候要注意中外文化的差距。很多外国人不了解中国的历史人物，所以在谈论的时候要特别注意表述方式。不要准备特别有名的历史人物。可以谈论张衡，西施，王昭君等有趣的人物。

Part two

Describe a person in history in your country.

Who this person was

What he/she did

How he/she influenced Chinese history.

I'd like to talk about the first female emperor in Chinese history. She was Wu Zetian. She was born of a royal family during the Tang Dynasty. She entered Emperor Taizong's harem when she was 13 and that of the successive emperor Gaozong after. She was a master of manipulation and she persuaded the emperor to declare her one rank below the empress consort. Eventually, the Emperor married Wu. When Gaozong suffered a stroke five years later, Wu governed behind the scenes. She created a secret police force to spy on her opposition, jailing or killing those who stood in her way. After Gaozong's death she reigned through puppet emperors, her sons Zhongzong and Ruizong. She finally proclaimed herself Emperor, the first woman to do so. She died shortly after. Despite her ruthless climb to power, her rule was benign. Wu reduced the size of the standing army, and replaced aristocrats in the government with scholars. She was fair to the peasantry, lowering taxes, raising agricultural production, and strengthening public works. Wu also campaigned to elevate the status of women and had scholars write biographies of famous women. She was considered to be the first one in Chinese history to try to improve the social status of women.

Part three

Is it important to learn history?

Absolutely. History is essential to us as we will learn some lessons from the events in the past and avoid making the same mistakes again in the future.

Do you think children should learn the history of their own country or that of other countries?

I guess children should learn both national and international history. Once they have learned the history of their country, they are going to be proud of the long tradition.

What's the importance of knowing the family history?

I really don't know much about my family history. I just heard from my grandfather that his grandfather came from another province, and they moved to the present place about a hundred years ago.

Where did you get information about your family history?

Most of time, I heard the stories from my grandparents. They told me about their past events.

What do you think about forgetting history?

I think it's unforgivable. Everyone should remember their history. It is the root of a nation. Without it, people have got no roots.

What do you think of recording history with computer photos and other things?

Well, it's a good way as well, but the only problem is that photos are going to be lost if there is something wrong with the computer system. Printed photos are better choices.

A leader you admire

你所崇拜的领导人 A leader you admire

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Describe a leader you admire in business, sports or politics.

You should say:

what he/she does

why he/she is a good leader

what makes you admire him/her

Part two

I'd like to talk about a businessman. He is Niu Gensheng, chairman of Mengniu Dairy Group. He has experienced a lot of ups and downs in his life. He has a motto, that it, few people have gone through the experience from having nothing to possessing something, and then back to state of having nothing again. Gaining possessions brings one satisfaction because his value is acknowledged, and giving up what one has earns him respect. He has won people's respect because he has donated a lot of money to charity, which not many entrepreneurs can do. He has made an impression on me also because once he said that while many Chinese firms have yet to reach a stage where they can shoulder the cost of corporate social responsibility. It gave priority to the environment from the start. He began a project in 2004 using cow manure to generate electricity for civil use. The company produces 800 tons of cow manure e day. He believed that "By doing this, farmers are happy, society is happy, those drinking milk are happy and those realizing that we are not damaging the environment are happy." I really admire his courage and soul.

Part three

Do you want to be a leader?

Well, I don't want to be a leader as being a leader means a lot of pressure. What you do is going to be the focus of others. If you make a wrong move, maybe the whole team is going to fail.

What qualities should a leader have?

A good leader is supposed to have sharp insight. He or she should know when to take actions to compete with his opponents in business.

How do you think we can improve the leaders' quality?

They may take the courses for the leaders. They should learn how to cope with people of different personalities. They should also take the advice from others.

Do you think a leader should be perfect in all field?

Not necessarily. The most important quality for a leader is the strategy of managing people. He should have the charm of attracting elites from all walks of life.

Why do we need a leader?

A leader is going to give us global views and tell us when to take the right action. As long as we follow their instructions, we are going to succeed.

What can they do?

Leaders are going to make plans for us, allocate the tasks between us. Also, they know what the best solution is for a problem.

Why do some people not want to be leaders?

Well, for me, a leader means a lot of responsibilities. Other people's future relies on me. I have to be extremely cautious. I don't want to worry about this all the time.

What is the world going to be like without leaders?

I guess the world is going to be a chaos. People's life and property cannot be protected. People are not going to have a safe life any longer. Anything can happen to them.

Is the communication skill important to a leader?

This skill is really essential to leader. They are supposed to express their ideas to their employees. They should also have negotiation with leaders of other organizations. That's why they must have this kind of skill.

Is it important for leaders to take other people's advice?

They should listen to other people's advice, but they are going to make the final decision. As long as they believe that their moves are definitely correct, they should do it.

Do you think leaders are the examples of people?

I guess so. A lot of people admire them, and they should set a good example. Common people may want to learn from their experience.

Should leaders be heroes?

Not exactly. Some leaders are legendary. Heroes are the people who save the people, country or world. Leaders should have the power which will make people admire them and listen to them. That's enough.

Do they have to be right all the time?

Nobody can be right all the time. Sometimes they make wrong decisions as well, but it doesn't matter. They should have the courage to admit their error and then readjust the direction.

What will happen if they embezzle?

They are going to be penalized by law and they result in prison. If the amount is substantial, they are going to be sentenced to life imprisonment or death penalty.

personality

优点personality

Part Two

Describe your personality.

What it is like

What the advantages and disadvantages are

The influence of your personality

成功人士 A successful person

Part two

Describe a successful person.

You should say:

Who this person is

How you knew him/her

Why he/she is successful

影视中的角色 Character in film or TV

Part two

Describe a character in TV or film.

Who this character is

What does he do

Why you like him or her.

邻居 Neighbor

Part two

Describe your neighbor.

When you became neighbors

How often you see each other

What you do together

Explain whether he/she is a good neighbor.

朋友 Friend

Part two

Interviewer: Ok, I'm going to give you a card, and you can prepare for one or two minutes.

Describe one of your best friends

How you met each other

How long you know each other

How you spend time together

Explain why you think he/she is your best friend

老人 Old Man

这个卡片转换一下也可以放到“家人”、“邻居”、“老师”等答案中。

Part two

Describe an old man you are familiar with.

Who he/she is

How you got to know him/her

How he/she has influenced you

注意：这道题现在还有一个变体，就是 an interesting old person。

Describe an interesting person.

Who this person is

What sort of person he/she is

How you met him/her

Why you find him/her interesting.