

Assignment

Intercultural Perspectives: This is China

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Chapter 1 Assignment

1.1 Assignment-1

Assignment 1.1.1

To make some comments on the challenges for China's intercultural communication in English(200-300 words).

In China's intercultural communication, there are primarily three challenges:

Challenge 1: Language Barrier

Aside from a few countries like Japan, which share a similar writing system with China, the languages of most countries greatly differ from Chinese. The high cost of learning and the difficulty of disseminating the language necessitate "translation" as a means of intercultural communication, requiring additional human and financial resources. However, in countries where English is the official language, such a "language barrier" does not exist.

Taking the classic work of Chinese traditional culture, the "Tao Te Ching," as an example, its original Chinese text is written in classical Chinese, which is already challenging for modern Chinese to understand, let alone for foreign friends. The English translations of the "Tao Te Ching" also face inevitable translation issues. For instance, the core term "Tao" has been translated as "way," "dao," "tao," among others, but it is undeniable that it is difficult to capture the profound essence of the Chinese character 道 through these translations.

Challenge 2: Cultural Conflict

When Chinese culture conflicts significantly with another culture in certain aspects, intercultural communication faces tremendous challenges. These challenges mainly stem from the resistance and skepticism of the inherent beliefs and aesthetic paradigms of that culture. For example, in some Middle Eastern countries where women wear veils and dress in black, colorful Chinese women's attire might encounter resistance and skepticism from religious customs. Similarly, while the mainstream aesthetic for men in the West is "masculine," characterized by height and strength, in China, it is "handsome," favoring slimness. Another example is the cultural differences between the East and the West in terms of family and filial piety depicted in the movie "Hi, Mom."

Challenge 3: Political Status, Standpoint, and Policies

Undeniably, in terms of political status, if China's political status is low, even with its splendid culture, it would still struggle with intercultural communication. After all, the burning of the Yuan-ming Yuan by the Eight-Nation Alliance was not intercultural communication but cultural destruction. Moreover, taking the Qing Dynasty as an example, its policy of resisting foreign cultures and implementing isolationism towards the end led to reciprocal resistance towards Chinese culture in other countries. This poses an insurmountable barrier for intercultural communication.

1.2 Assignment-2

Assignment 1.2.1

Make comments on how Li Ziqi successfully tells the peach blossom story from the view point of Intercultural Communication. (300-400words)

There are various reasons why **Li Ziqi** has succeeded in storytelling, and four main reasons stand out.

From the perspective of the **intercultural speaker**, as the protagonist of the videos, **Li Ziqi** is young and beautiful, exuding no sense of threat but rather an amiable charm that evokes affection. Moreover, **Li Ziqi** is well-versed in Chinese traditional culture and its dissemination, choosing themes with thoughtful deliberation. The **peach blossom**'s universal appeal and status as a distinct symbol of Chinese culture, free from political, religious, or racial biases, make it an ideal cultural medium. For instance, it would not be suitable to use beef or mutton as cultural carriers for audiences including vegetarians or Muslims. Additionally, **Li Ziqi** integrates aspects of daily life—clothing, food, shelter, and travel—into her narrative, silently showcasing the essence of Chinese traditional culture in the mundanity of daily life, such as the creation of **Hanfu**, **peach blossom rice balls**, **peach blossom rice wine**, and **peach blossom cakes**, presenting these elements in an accessible manner, as if saying, "It is right there."

From the perspective of the **audience**, while Westerners often enjoy camping, Chinese people prefer dining out at restaurants. Thus, **Li Ziqi**'s decision to conclude her video with a picnic in the peach grove alongside her grandmother, transitioning the scene from a confined space to an expansive orchard, and ending with an aerial shot, achieves multiple purposes at once. Furthermore, given the high degree of modernization in Europe and America, the natural ambiance **Li Ziqi** presents serves as a refreshing oasis. This resonates with the audience's psychology and expectations, endowing the content with the potential for widespread appeal.

From the perspective of **strategies of communication**, **Li Ziqi** employs short videos for intercultural communication, crafted with exquisite quality, appealing to a broad audience. These videos focus on situational storytelling, with **Li Ziqi** actively involved in demonstrating processes, largely without dialogue or third-party narration, thus avoiding linguistic barriers. Even when text descriptions are used, they are accompanied by vivid imagery, making them self-explanatory. Similar to silent films, this approach provides a shared language for viewers, awakening common cultural elements among them. Moreover, this "immersive" experience leaves a lasting impression on viewers.

From the perspective of the **content of the communication**, **Li Ziqi** not only promotes the tangible elements of Chinese traditional culture, such as **Hanfu** clothing, traditional dwellings, and cuisine like **peach blossom rice balls**, **peach blossom rice wine**, and **peach blossom cakes**, but also conveys the intangible spirit of this culture. She silently communicates the beautiful familial bond between

herself and her grandmother—a sentiment that transcends borders and is a universal human emotion, reflecting China's tradition of respecting the elderly.

In addition, factors such as **Li Ziqi**'s massive following and the current wave of Chinese traditional culture spreading to the world also contribute to the success.

1.3 Assignment-3

Assignment 1.3.1

Please finish the BBC video and build your vocabulary about cuizine when reviewing the 3 videos in this unit.

表 1.1: Vocabulary About Cuisine

English	Chinese	
Influencing Factors		
geographical conditions	地理条件	
environment and climate diversity	环境和气候多样性	
people have wheaten food in the north of	南米北面	
China and rice in the south		

Four Flavors

Bashu	Qilu
Shredded Pork with Chili and Soy (麻婆	Braised Whelk with Brown Sauce (红烧
豆腐)	海螺)
Tea-leaf and Camphor Smoked Duck (樟	Fried Pork Joint (锅烧肘子)
茶鸭)	
Sauted Chicken Cubes with Chilli and	Fried Tofu with Egg Wrapping (锅塌豆
Peanuts (宫保鸡丁)	腐)
Stewed Bean Curd with Minced Pork in	Quick-fried Mutton with Green Onion (葱
Pepper Sauce (鱼香肉丝)	爆羊肉)
Huaiyang	Yuemin
Braised Shredded Chicken with Ham and	Soup Simmered inside a Whole Winter
Dried Tofu (大煮干丝)	Melon (冬瓜盅)
Sweet and Sour Mandarin Fish (松鼠桂	Fried Pork with Pineapple (菠萝古老肉)
鱼)	
Beggar's Chicken (叫花鸡)	Steamed Rice with Dried Duck (腊味煲
	仔饭)
The Lion's Head (the Meatball) in	Buddha Jumps over the Wall (佛跳墙)
Yangzhou Style (淮扬狮子头)	

Relevant Terminology

The Staple Food	主食
The Flavors	风味

表 1.1: Vocabulary About Cuisine (continued)

The Nutrition Structure	饮食结构
Wheaten food	面食
vegetarian diet	素食
household dishes	家常菜
complete presence of color, aroma and	色香味有严格的要求
taste	
street food	街边小吃

Adjectives for Dish Names

skillful and delightful	出神入化
suits both refined and popular tastes	雅俗共赏

The Staple Food

Sichuan	
Rice	米饭
Rice Porridge	粥
Rice Cake	米糕
Steamed Vermicelli Roll	肠粉
Guilin Rice Noodles	桂林米粉
Stir-fried Rice Noodles with Beef	干炒牛河
GuiYang Spring Roll	丝娃娃
red oil hot pot	红油火锅
Fish Filets in Hot Chilli Oil	水煮鱼
spicy hot pot/Malatang	麻辣烫
hot pot	火锅
chuanchuan	串串
Northeast of China	
pickled cabbage	酸菜
Fat Pork with Pickled Cabbage	酸菜白肉
Pork and Pickled Cabbage dumplings	猪肉酸菜水饺
south of China	
Sweet and Sour Mandarin Fish	松鼠桂鱼
Square Pork with sauce	酱方
Fresh Pork and Salted Pork with Bamboo	腌笃鲜
Shoot Soup	

表 1.1: Vocabulary About Cuisine (continued)

Osmanthus Jelly	桂花糕
meat	
braised pork	红烧肉
Candied Sweet Potato	拔丝地瓜
Fish in Sour Soup	酸汤鱼
Salt Baked Razor Clam	盐焗蛏子
Chicken Cubes with Chili Peppers	辣子鸡丁
Balsam Pear Scrambled eggs	苦瓜炒蛋
fried rice	炒饭
fried noodles	炒面
Beijing roast duck	北京烤鸭
Xiao long bao	小笼包
Kung Pao Chicken	宫保鸡丁
Boluo gulao rou (Sweet and sour pork	菠萝古老肉
with pineapple)	
Fried shrimps with cashew nuts	腰果炒虾仁
Stir-fried tofu in hot sauce/Ma po doufu	麻婆豆腐
Dongpo soup	东坡羹
Dongpo Pork	东坡肉
Lamb Spine Hot Pot	羊蝎子
cornmeal pancake	玉米饼

The Flavors

Sichaun	spicy
Northeast of China	sour
south of China	sweetness
bitter	苦
salty	咸

表 1.1: Vocabulary About Cuisine (continued)

turns out to have a sour	酸味绵柔
tender and crispy taste	松软清脆
crispy outside and tender inside	外脆里嫩
provides a sour and sweet taste	酸甜可口
pungent	刺激性的
fragrant	清香的
mellow	醇美的
Juicy	多汁的
Greasy	油腻

Wheaten Food

north	
Dumplings	饺子
Fried Noodles	炒面
steamed Bings	包子
Shandong Pancake	山东煎饼
Fried Dumplings	锅贴
south	
shao-mai	烧麦
spring rolls	春卷
fried dough sticks	油条

Ingredients

pepper	辣椒
cabbage	大白菜
prickly ash	花椒
mandarin fish	桂鱼
Wheat	小麦
meat	
pork	猪肉
fish	鱼肉
chicken	鸡肉
duck	鸭肉
vegetarian food	
water shield	茆 (莼菜)

表 1.1: Vocabulary About Cuisine (continued)

lentil	荏菽 (扁豆)
day lily	谖草(黄花菜)
mulberry	桑葚
the spine of the lamb	羊脊骨
Mild green chillies	青椒
ginger	生姜
garlic	大蒜
aubergine	茄子
cucumber	黄瓜
peanut	花生
a piece of flour pancake	一张面皮

Seasonings

salt	盐
red sauce	酱油
dark soy sauce	黑酱油/老抽

Food Preparation Methods

natural fermentation	自然发酵
pickled	腌制
braise	炖
toss	拌
chop	剁
shred	切
slice	割
dice	削
cooking utensils	
cleaver	菜刀
rolling pin	擀面杖

Drinks

Tea 茶	*
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Elegant Names for Dishes

Appetizers combination 八方	「宾客 (富贵八小碟)
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表 1.1: Vocabulary About Cuisine (continued)

Beggars chicken	名扬天下 (新派叫花鸡)
Double-boiled duck with lotus seed	大展宏图 (鲜莲子炖老鸭)
Braised vegetable with mushroom	包罗万象 (鲜鲍菇扒时蔬)
Deep-fried prawn with almond	紧密合作 (杏仁大明虾)
Braised seasonal vegetable, Beijing style	风景如画 (京扒扇形蔬)
Pan-fried Australian beef with black pep-	共谋发展 (黑椒澳洲牛柳)
per	
Fried rice with minced beef	携手共赢 (生炒牛松饭)
Roasted lamb chop with cumin	干秋盛世 (孜然烤羊排)
Chinese petit fours	共建和平 (美点映双辉)
Seasonal fresh fruit platter	承载梦想 (环球鲜果盆)
Ant climbing trees	蚂蚁上树
Lion's head	狮子头
Treasures filling the home	金玉满堂
A flight of white egrets in blue sky	一行白鹭上青天
The grasses up north are as blue as jade	燕草如碧丝
A timely snow promising a good harvest	瑞雪兆丰年

Assignment 1.3.2

Please prepare one menu for a foreign student who comes to China for the first time.



表 1.2: Menu

Varieties of dishes			
Varieties of	Dish name	Dish description	Tips
dishes			
Meat			These dishes are not halal.
Dishes			Muslim patrons may wish to
			choose other options.
	General	A popular chicken dish in	
	Tso's	American-Chinese cuisine	
	Chicken(左	known for its sweet and sour	
	宗棠鸡)	flavors, typically served with	
		vegetables and sauce.	

	Varieties of dishes		
Varieties of dishes	Dish name	Dish description	Tips
	Orange	A beloved Chinese dish fea-	
	Chicken(橙	turing crispy chicken pieces	
	子鸡)	coated in flour and fried un-	
		til golden brown, then smoth-	
		ered in a tangy orange sauce.	
	Black	A stir-fried chicken dish sea-	Spiciness level can be ad-
	Pepper	soned with black pepper, usu-	justed.
	Chicken(黑	ally paired with onions and	
	胡椒鸡)	other vegetables, character-	
		ized by its spicy and robust	
		black pepper aroma.	
	Szechuan	A spicy Sichuan-style beef	
	Beef(四 川	dish cooked with chili	
	牛肉)	peppers and Sichuan pepper-	
		corns, giving it a numbing	
		and fiery flavor profile.	
	Beef &	A classic combination of ten-	
	Broc-	der beef strips and fresh broc-	
	coli(西 兰	coli florets stir-fried in a sa-	
	花炒牛肉)	vory sauce, commonly found	
		in Chinese-American cuisine.	
Staple			
Foods			
	fried	A versatile dish made by fry-	
	rice(炒饭)	ing cooked rice with vari-	
		ous ingredients such as veg-	
		etables, meat, and sometimes	
		eggs, resulting in a flavorful	
		and filling meal.	

Varieties of dishes			
Varieties of dishes	Dish name	Dish description	Tips
	scallion pan- cakes(葱油 饼)	Flaky flatbreads filled with scallions and brushed with sesame oil, often served as a side dish or appetizer in Chinese cuisine.	
	Soup Dumplings (汤饺)	Steamed dumplings filled with juicy pork and broth, typically enjoyed by sipping the soup inside before eating the dough and filling.	
	Shrimp Kung Pao Noodles(宫 保虾粉)	A spicy noodle dish featuring shrimp cooked in a Kung Pao sauce, which includes peanuts, chili peppers, and Sichuan peppercorns.	Caution: Contains seafood. Not recommended for those with seafood allergies.
	Pan-Fried Noodles in Supe- rior Soy Sauce(酱油 炒面)	Wok-tossed noodles mixed with a rich soy-based sauce, creating a deliciously savory and slightly sweet flavor.	
Soups and Beverages			
	wonton soup(馄 饨 汤)	A comforting soup made with small, stuffed wontons, typically filled with pork or shrimp, and served in a clear broth with vegetables.	
	Tea(茶)	A wide range of tea varieties, from green to black, oolong to white, each offering unique flavors and health benefits.	

Varieties of dishes			
Varieties of	Dish name	Dish description	Tips
dishes			
	Rice	An alcoholic beverage made	
	Wine(米	from fermented rice, often	
	酒)	consumed as a digestif or used	
		in cooking to add depth and	
		complexity to dishes.	
Vegetarian			
Dishes			
	Bang Bang	A spicy and sweet dish fea-	
	Broc-	turing broccoli florets tossed	
	coli(西 兰	in a bang bang sauce, a blend	
	花)	of sweet chili sauce, mayon-	
		naise, and other seasonings.	
	Candied	A dessert dish where sweet	
	Sweet	potatoes are deep-fried and	
	Potato(拔	coated in a caramelized sugar	
	丝地瓜)	glaze, providing a crunchy ex-	
		terior and soft interior.	
	cornmeal	A flatbread made from corn-	
	pancake(玉	meal, often served as a side	
	米饼)	dish or used as a wrap for var-	
		ious fillings.	
	Soup Sim-	A hearty soup prepared by	
	mered	simmering winter melon rind	
	inside a	with various meats and veg-	
	Whole	etables, resulting in a fragrant	
	Winter	and nourishing broth.	
	Melon(冬		
	瓜盅)		

	Varieties of dishes		
Varieties of	Dish name	Dish description	Tips
dishes			
	The grasses	A poetic reference to the lush	
	up north	green grasses in northern re-	
	are as blue	gions, often used metaphor-	
	as jade(燕	ically to describe beauty or	
	草如碧丝)	abundance.	
Others			
	egg rolls(蛋	Crispy spring rolls filled	Caution: Contains eggs. Not
	卷)	with vegetables, meat, and	recommended for those with
		sometimes noodles, typically	egg allergies.
		served as an appetizer or	
		snack.	
	Osmanthus	A delicate jelly-like dessert	
	Jelly(桂 花	made with osmanthus flow-	
	糕)	ers, often served chilled and	
		garnished with syrup for a re-	
		freshing treat.	
	Xiao long	Delicate steamed dumplings	Bite a small hole first to let the
	bao(小 笼	filled with pork and soup, best	hot broth escape before con-
	包)	enjoyed by biting a small hole	suming the entire dumpling.
		first to release the hot broth	
		within.	
	Square	A braised pork belly dish	
	Pork with	slow-cooked in a soy-based	
	sauce(酱	sauce, resulting in tender	
	方)	meat with a rich, savory	
		flavor.	

1.4 Assignment-4

Assignment 1.4.1

Sum up the translation of Chinese idioms and culture-loaded expressions.



表 1.3: Idioms and Expressions

T12-1.	China
English	Chinese
silence its voice	以免它露出锋芒
have fallen in a coordinated attack	遭到了里应外合的袭击
If I may, Your Imperial Majesty	小人斗胆进言皇帝陛下
be mine to kill	被我手刃
Quiet Composed Graceful Elegant Poised Polite	文静沉着优雅贤淑从容有礼
Beautiful toolfor terrible work.	此剑虽美,所行却恶
She is innocent of the world.Of men.And the evils of war.	涉世未深,不知人心险恶,不知战争残酷
Her skin is white as milk.	她肤如凝脂
Her fingers like the tender white roots of a green onion.	指如葱白
Her eyes are like morning dewdrops…	目似朝露
cherry red lips	樱桃小嘴
that donkey Yao	姚那头蠢驴
You never know with women	女人心海底针
a small taste of what is to come	小小甜头
riches will flow like a mighty river	源源不断的金银财宝(财源滚滚)
connect deeply to his chi	人气合一
Tranquil as a forest but on fire within	其徐如林侵略如火
yields to force and redirects it	避其锋芒借力打力
Four ounces can move 1,000 pounds	四两拨千斤
even though our training is not finished	厉兵秣马犹未成
Your disgrace is worse than death	你身负奇耻大辱生不如死
I need your help	请助我一臂之力
Rise up like a phoenix	如凤凰般涅槃
One warrior knows another	英雄识英雄
The green shoot has grown up to the sky	稚嫩青葱已经长成参天大树
Over my shoulder	蓦然一回首
All I know is that it's harder	只知道阻且长

表 1.4: Clan-related Terms

English	Chinese
brings honor	给家里争光
Dishonor to the Hua family	花家之耻
Ancestors	先祖在上
ancestral guardian	列祖列宗
family sword	祖传的剑
Standing in my father's shoes	继承父业

表 1.5: Marriage-related Expressions

English	Chinese
matchmaker	媒婆
matched	定亲
married to one	娶亲
an auspicious match	如意郎君

表 1.6: Proper Noun

English	Chinese
Mulan	花木兰
chi	气
witch	巫婆
phoenix	凤凰
is consumed by flame and emerges again	(凤凰) 浴火重生
Silk Road	丝绸之路
Rourans	柔然人
Your Majesty	陛下
Böri Khan	鲍里可汗
Imperial Army	中军
I think one was a male, one was a female.	雄兔脚扑朔雌兔眼迷离
But you know, you can't really tell when they're running that fast.	双兔傍地走安能辨我是雄雌
Imperial edict	圣旨
conscription	征兵令
three pillars of virtue	三大品德
Loyal Brave True	忠勇真
Sergeant	都尉
New Palace	新殿
Imperial guardsmen	宿卫军
Chancellor	宰相
Son of Heaven	真龙天子
sons of the empire	臣子
invitation	册封

表 1.7: Four-character Idiom

English	Chinese
A young shoot, all green…	稚嫩青葱
blade	刀光剑影
Take control of yourself!	成何体统
allow this to continue	放任不管
has been disrupted	深受其扰
is on its knees	跪地求饶
A scorned dog	丧家之犬
bring honor to us all	光宗耀祖
be silent	不发一言
be invisible	化若无形
Our land is at war	战火四起
made a terrible mistake	铸成大错
in great danger	只身犯险
Disadvantage can be turned into an advantage	扭转乾坤
moves first controls the enemy	先发制人
changes nothing	无济于事
Liar	满口胡言
are an imposter	冒名顶替
are just at the beginning of your power	初露峥嵘
without question	毋庸置疑
was impossible	天方夜谭
take the noble path	改邪归正
Every motion	一举一动

1.5 Assignment-5

Assignment 1.5.1

Based on knowledge of intercultural communication, write a report to analyze how Mulan successfully tells the story of Hua Mulan in China.

There are various reasons why *Mulan* has succeeded in storytelling, and four main reasons stand out.

From the perspective of the **intercultural speaker**, *Mulan* was directed by a foreign hand, interpreting Chinese culture through a Western lens, bringing a fresh approach imbued with Western values and culture, thus naturally resonating with Western audiences. For instance, in traditional Chinese perceptions, the filial piety embodied by Hua Mulan is a dominant theme. However, in the film *Mulan*, the element of "filial piety" is somewhat diluted from Hua Mulan's character, instead focusing on her growth as a soldier and shaping her into a heroic figure and legend. The intercultural communicator has a profound understanding of Chinese culture and presents aspects that interest Western audiences, such as Chinese martial arts. Considering the Western audience's comprehension level, certain details have been "translated" to make them more relatable. For example, in the movie, Mulan uses an apple for sustenance during her journey, whereas historically, flatbreads would have been more common. However, the creators chose to use an apple because it is more familiar to Western viewers.

From the perspective of the **audience**, due to the curiosity Westerners have about Chinese martial arts, the film exaggerates the concept of "Qi" (vital energy) found in Chinese martial arts, making it surreal, and adds elements of "magic" popular in Western culture, making it more appealing. Additionally, because of the unfamiliarity Westerners have with China, the movie creates scenes with an exotic allure, such as "earth buildings", "Hanfu" (traditional Han clothing), and "yellow face makeup". Furthermore, the hero culture prevalent in the West is reflected in how Mulan is portrayed as a hero, aligning with their mainstream aesthetic preferences.

From the perspective of **strategies of communication**, *Mulan* uses the medium of film to vividly convey its story, possessing market value and leveraging the fame of Hollywood to achieve extensive reach. The film focuses on Mulan as the protagonist, providing close-ups and smooth camera work, enhancing the viewing experience.

From the perspective of the **content of the communication**, the film not only spreads material culture like earth buildings and Hanfu but also spiritual culture, such as the traditional Chinese concept of "filial piety." It emphasizes and adapts according to Western cultural preferences and aesthetics, for instance, downplaying the "filial piety" aspect while highlighting Mulan's heroic qualities. It also enriches the narrative with battle scenes to create a dramatic and engaging storyline, blending Western magical elements like "magic" with traditional Chinese elements like the phoenix and Chinese martial arts, thereby making it highly attractive.

Moreover, the story of *Mulan* was already widely known in Western countries, bolstered by previous works, contributing to a broad potential market.

1.6 Assignment-6

Assignment 1.6.1

Design a case to introduce Chinese festivals to your foreign friend who just arrives in Shanghai. (300-400words)

Welcome to **Shanghai**, **China**, and thank you for your interest in **Chinese festivals**. Now, let me introduce them to you. I hope this will be helpful.

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Unlike the calendar system adopted in the United States, ancient China adopted a **lunisolar calendar**, and some festivals have the same numbers for the day and the month. For example, the **Spring Festival** on the first day of the first month, the **Dragon Boat Festival** on the fifth day of the fifth month, and the **Double Ninth Festival** on the ninth day of the ninth month. However, they are not the products of some number games. In the eyes of the ancient Chinese, these days were considered inauspicious, therefore, people would take a bath, drive off bad luck, offer sacrifices to gods, and pray for good luck. For instance, on the **Spring Festival**, people would clean the house, set off firecrackers and fireworks, decorate the house, stay up, and feast. On the **Dragon Boat Festival**, people would hang Chinese mugwort and calamus on doors, wear perfume pouches, and drink realgar wine.

In recent years, some new festivals have emerged in China, such as November 11, also known as the **Double 11 Festival**, which is similar to **Black Friday** in America. Additionally, the **China Shanghai International Arts Festival** is currently underway, and if you are interested, I welcome you to join me in exploring it.

1.7 Assignment-7

Assignment 1.7.1

To review the video clips about Qingming and design a case to introduce Qingming to your foreign friend who just arrives in China.

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Do you enjoy outings or flying kites? These are also customs of the **Qingming Festival**. Today, people pay their respects by visiting and sweeping the graves of their relatives, leaving offerings, burning incense, and paper money. In recent years, people have been burning essentials of the afterlife, such as cars and iPhones. The day is also regarded as the start of spring, when people go outside to enjoy the blossoming spring and special Qingming foods like **green rice balls**. I personally love green rice balls and hope you will enjoy them too.

To truly understand this festival, we need to look at the **Cold Food Festival**. There is an interesting story about the Cold Food Festival. It memorializes **Jie Zitui**, who made a broth from his own flesh (*incredible*, *isn't it?*) for Prince Chong'er during his exile. When the prince became king, he forgot about Jie and gave positions to other officials. Jie, not minding, moved to a remote mountain with his mother. When the king realized his mistake, he went to find Jie but couldn't persuade him to come down from the mountain. The king set fire to the mountain, and Jie was found dead under a tree with his mother on his back. The king ordered no fire to be set on this day to remember Jie's sacrifice, leading to the **Cold Food Festival**. Over time, Chinese ancestors extended these practices into **Qingming**, and people eventually combined them into a single day.

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1.8 Assignment-8

Assignment 1.8.1

Learning Reflections on Class Presentations. (400 words)



I learned from this group's presentation how to analyze the reasons for the success of "Black Myth: Wukong" in intercultural communication. There are various reasons why the game "Black Myth: Wukong" has succeeded in intercultural communication, and four main reasons stand out.

From the perspective of the **intercultural speaker**, the developers of "Black Myth: Wukong", Game Science, are deeply rooted in Chinese culture. They draw heavily from the classic Chinese novel "Journey to the West", which is a well-known and beloved tale in China. By leveraging this rich cultural heritage, the developers act as effective intercultural speakers, bridging the gap between Chinese and global audiences. Their deep understanding of the source material allows them to create a game that resonates with local players while also appealing to international gamers through universal themes of **heroism**, **adventure**, **and mythology**.

From the perspective of the **audience**, the target audience for "Black Myth: Wukong" is diverse, encompassing both domestic and international players. Domestically, the game appeals to Chinese players who are familiar with the story of "Journey to the West" and can appreciate the intricate details and references. Internationally, the game attracts gamers who are interested in high-quality action-adventure games and are curious about Eastern mythology and storytelling. The developers have successfully catered to both groups by balancing cultural specificity with universal appeal, ensuring that the game is accessible and engaging for a wide range of players.

From the perspective of **strategies of communication**, Game Science employs several effective strategies to communicate the game's narrative and mechanics to a global audience. First, they use high-quality visuals and animations to bring the world of "**Journey to the West**" to life, making the game visually stunning and immersive. Second, they provide detailed lore and background information through in-game cutscenes and collectibles, allowing players to delve deeper into the story and characters. Additionally, the game features multiple language options, including **English**, which helps to break down language barriers and makes the game accessible to non-Chinese speaking players.

From the perspective of the **content of the communication**, the content of "Black Myth: Wukong" is rich and multifaceted. The game's narrative is deeply rooted in Chinese mythology, featuring iconic characters like Sun Wukong (the Monkey King) and Xuanzang (the monk). The story is told through a combination of cinematic cutscenes, dialogue, and environmental storytelling, providing a comprehensive and engaging experience. The gameplay itself is designed to be challenging yet rewarding, with fluid combat mechanics and a variety of abilities that reflect the supernatural powers of the characters. This blend of cultural depth and high-quality gameplay ensures that the game is both culturally significant and entertaining.

In conclusion, "Black Myth: Wukong" has achieved success in intercultural communication by effectively positioning itself as a bridge between Chinese and global gaming communities. The developers' deep understanding of their cultural roots, combined with strategic communication and engaging content, has allowed the game to resonate with a diverse audience, making it a standout title in the international gaming market.

Chapter 2 Review Materials

题型

Part I Case Analysis(25).

Directions: Based on knowledge of intercultural communication, write a report to analyze how **Mulan** or **Li Ziqi** successfully tells the story.(300-400 words)

从四个角度,多用视频的字同句,字数可以超一点,到500字。

评分标准:

第四档 (18-25 分)

- 1覆盖了所有要点。
- 2语言通顺较复杂,有少许语法错误,有效使用了语句间的连接成分,全文结构紧凑。

第三档 (10-17 分)

- 1覆盖了大部分要点。
- 2语言基本通顺,有部分语法错误,语句间的连接较为正确有效。

第二档 (5-9 分)

- 1覆盖了部分要点。
- 2语言不够通顺,语法错误较多,语句间连接不太有效。

第一档 (5 分以下).

1覆盖要点较少。

Part II Case Practice.(25)

Directions: Design a case to introduce **Chinese food** or **Chinese festival** or **Qingming** to your foreign friend who just arrives in Shanghai.(200-300 words).

主要是 Chinese food, Chinese festival, 清明节,可达到 400 字。刚到上海的外国朋友,接收度,讲清楚是什么,怎么 enjoy. 节目介绍注意顺序。

Part III Translation.(25)

Directions: Translate the following passage into Chinese.

Part IV Translation, (25)

Directions: Translate the following passage into English.

翻译的标准:

- 1. 正确,不错译,漏译,多译。
- 2. 通顺,符合语法和表达习惯。

2.1 Li Ziqi

Assignment 2.1.1

Based on knowledge of intercultural communication, write a report to analyze how **Li Ziqi** successfully tells the story.(300-400 words)

There are various reasons why **Li Ziqi** has succeeded in storytelling, and four main reasons stand out.

From the perspective of the **intercultural speaker**, as the protagonist of the videos, **Li Ziqi** is young and beautiful, exuding no sense of threat but rather an amiable charm that evokes affection. Moreover, **Li Ziqi** is well-versed in Chinese traditional culture and its dissemination, choosing themes with thoughtful deliberation. The **peach blossom**'s universal appeal and status as a distinct symbol of Chinese culture, free from political, religious, or racial biases, make it an ideal cultural medium. For instance, it would not be suitable to use beef or mutton as cultural carriers for audiences including vegetarians or Muslims. Additionally, **Li Ziqi** integrates aspects of daily life—clothing, food, shelter, and travel—into her narrative, silently showcasing the essence of Chinese traditional culture in the mundanity of daily life, such as the creation of **Hanfu**, **peach blossom rice balls**, **peach blossom rice wine**, and **peach blossom cakes**, presenting these elements in an accessible manner, as if saying, "It is right there."

From the perspective of the **audience**, while Westerners often enjoy camping, Chinese people prefer dining out at restaurants. Thus, **Li Ziqi**'s decision to conclude her video with a picnic in the peach grove alongside her grandmother, transitioning the scene from a confined space to an expansive orchard, and ending with an aerial shot, achieves multiple purposes at once. Furthermore, given the high degree of modernization in Europe and America, the natural ambiance **Li Ziqi** presents serves as a refreshing oasis. This resonates with the audience's psychology and expectations, endowing the content with the potential for widespread appeal.

From the perspective of **strategies of communication**, **Li Ziqi** employs short videos for intercultural communication, crafted with exquisite quality, appealing to a broad audience. These videos focus on situational storytelling, with **Li Ziqi** actively involved in demonstrating processes, largely without dialogue or third-party narration, thus avoiding linguistic barriers. Even when text descriptions are used, they are accompanied by vivid imagery, making them self-explanatory. Similar to silent films, this approach provides a shared language for viewers, awakening common cultural elements among them. Moreover, this "immersive" experience leaves a lasting impression on viewers.

From the perspective of the **content of the communication**, **Li Ziqi** not only promotes the tangible elements of Chinese traditional culture, such as **Hanfu** clothing, traditional dwellings, and cuisine like **peach blossom rice balls**, **peach blossom rice wine**, and **peach blossom cakes**, but also conveys the intangible spirit of this culture. She silently communicates the beautiful familial bond between

herself and her grandmother—a sentiment that transcends borders and is a universal human emotion, reflecting China's tradition of respecting the elderly.

In addition, factors such as **Li Ziqi**'s massive following and the current wave of Chinese traditional culture spreading to the world also contribute to the success.

2.2 Mulan

Assignment 2.2.1

Based on knowledge of intercultural communication, write a report to analyze how **Mulan** successfully tells the story.(300-400 words)

There are various reasons why *Mulan* has succeeded in storytelling, and four main reasons stand out.

From the perspective of the **intercultural speaker**, *Mulan* was directed by a foreign hand, interpreting Chinese culture through a Western lens, bringing a fresh approach imbued with Western values and culture, thus naturally resonating with Western audiences. For instance, in traditional Chinese perceptions, the filial piety embodied by Hua Mulan is a dominant theme. However, in the film *Mulan*, the element of "filial piety" is somewhat diluted from Hua Mulan's character, instead focusing on her growth as a soldier and shaping her into a heroic figure and legend. The intercultural communicator has a profound understanding of Chinese culture and presents aspects that interest Western audiences, such as Chinese martial arts. Considering the Western audience's comprehension level, certain details have been "translated" to make them more relatable. For example, in the movie, Mulan uses an apple for sustenance during her journey, whereas historically, flatbreads would have been more common. However, the creators chose to use an apple because it is more familiar to Western viewers.

From the perspective of the **audience**, due to the curiosity Westerners have about Chinese martial arts, the film exaggerates the concept of "Qi" (vital energy) found in Chinese martial arts, making it surreal, and adds elements of "magic" popular in Western culture, making it more appealing. Additionally, because of the unfamiliarity Westerners have with China, the movie creates scenes with an exotic allure, such as "earth buildings", "Hanfu" (traditional Han clothing), and "yellow face makeup". Furthermore, the hero culture prevalent in the West is reflected in how Mulan is portrayed as a hero, aligning with their mainstream aesthetic preferences.

From the perspective of **strategies of communication**, *Mulan* uses the medium of film to vividly convey its story, possessing market value and leveraging the fame of Hollywood to achieve extensive reach. The film focuses on Mulan as the protagonist, providing close-ups and smooth camera work, enhancing the viewing experience.

From the perspective of the **content of the communication**, the film not only spreads material culture like earth buildings and Hanfu but also spiritual culture, such as the traditional Chinese concept of "filial piety." It emphasizes and adapts according to Western cultural preferences and aesthetics, for instance, downplaying the "filial piety" aspect while highlighting Mulan's heroic qualities. It also enriches the narrative with battle scenes to create a dramatic and engaging storyline, blending Western magical elements like "magic" with traditional Chinese elements like the phoenix and Chinese martial arts, thereby making it highly attractive.

Moreover, the story of *Mulan* was already widely known in Western countries, bolstered by previous works, contributing to a broad potential market.

2.3 Chinese food

Assignment 2.3.1

Design a case to introduce **Chinese food** to your foreign friend who just arrives in Shanghai.(200-300 words).

Welcome to Shanghai, China! I'm glad to hear that you are interested in Chinese food. Overall, **Chinese cuisine is incredibly diverse**, offering a wide range of flavors and a balanced mix of meat and vegetables. I believe there will be something to suit your taste, but I would like to recommend a menu of Chinese dishes that I think you will enjoy.

The first dish I want to recommend is **fried rice**. It is made by frying rice and mixing it with various ingredients. You can choose what you want to add to your dish. If you prefer noodles instead of rice, we have **fried noodles**. If you enjoy a mix of different ingredients, you can try **Malatang**. It is a combination of your favorite vegetables and meat cooked in a delicious broth.

Since you are not Muslim, the next dish I recommend is **Beijing roast duck**. Beijing roast duck is tender and juicy with a rich flavor, but enjoying it properly requires a specific method. The right way to eat Beijing roast duck is to take a piece of flour pancake, spread some sauce on it, and then add a small serving of the duck skin, meat, and vegetables. Roll everything up and enjoy the delicious taste. **Don't miss this dish!**

Next, I recommend a local Shanghai specialty, **shengjian**, also known as pan-fried bao. *Pan-fried bao consists of small buns filled with pork and a burst of savory soup*. The buns are cooked in a flat pan with water and oil, resulting in a golden, crispy bottom and a soft, fluffy top. To enjoy pan-fried bao, use chopsticks or a fork to pick up the bun. Take a small bite at the top to make a hole, then sip the hot soup inside to prevent burning. After sipping the soup, eat the remaining bun, which has a crispy bottom and a soft, savory filling.

For drinks, you can try **tea**. You might have had tea in the United States, but it would be great to taste some authentic Chinese tea.

Additionally, if you are not a fan of spicy food, you can request a lower level of spiciness when ordering.

If you have the time, let's meet up and have Chinese food at **Hongji Plaza**, which is near Shanghai University.

2.4 Chinese festivals

Assignment 2.4.1

Design a case to introduce **Chinese festival** to your foreign friend who just arrives in Shanghai.(200-300 words).

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2.5 Qingming

Assignment 2.5.1

Design a case to introduce **Qingming** to your foreign friend who just arrives in Shanghai. (200-300 words).

Welcome to Shanghai, China! I heard you are very interested in China's Qingming Festival, so let me give you a brief introduction. I hope it will be helpful.

Similar to your April Fool's Day, Qingming Festival, also known as **Tomb Sweeping Day**, falls around April 4 or 5. It is a time for people to reflect and remember family members who have passed away by visiting their tombs to clean and pay respects. The festival has been observed by Chinese people for over 2,500 years, dating back to when emperors would hold ceremonies to honor their ancestors.

Do you enjoy outings or flying kites? These are also customs of the **Qingming Festival**. Today, people pay their respects by visiting and sweeping the graves of their relatives, leaving offerings, burning incense, and paper money. In recent years, people have been burning essentials of the afterlife, such as cars and iPhones. The day is also regarded as the start of spring, when people go outside to enjoy the blossoming spring and special Qingming foods like **green rice balls**. I personally love green rice balls and hope you will enjoy them too.

To truly understand this festival, we need to look at the **Cold Food Festival**. There is an interesting story about the Cold Food Festival. It memorializes **Jie Zitui**, who made a broth from his own flesh (*incredible*, *isn't it?*) for Prince Chong'er during his exile. When the prince became king, he forgot about Jie and gave positions to other officials. Jie, not minding, moved to a remote mountain with his mother. When the king realized his mistake, he went to find Jie but couldn't persuade him to come down from the mountain. The king set fire to the mountain, and Jie was found dead under a tree with his mother on his back. The king ordered no fire to be set on this day to remember Jie's sacrifice, leading to the **Cold Food Festival**. Over time, Chinese ancestors extended these practices into **Qingming**, and people eventually combined them into a single day.

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2.6 English to Chinese and Chinese to English

Part 2.6.1

Also, the Qingming Festival is another day of family reunion. The alive visit the tomb of the dead and pay their respect. The Qingming Festival is the only one of the 24 solar terms that remains a festival. What's more, the tomb sweeping on the day is of national wide, honoring both close relatives and the ancestors. Chinese people hold the value of remembering the past while hoping for a good future, accepting mortality with optimism towards life. In the Qingming Festival, we also go spring outings, enjoying the tender sunshine of spring.

清明节也是家人团聚的日子,生者来到逝者的墓前,向逝者表达敬意。清明节是 24 节气中唯一一个在现代中国还保持着节日地位的。这一天的祭扫活动是全国性的,不但纪念近亲,也纪念先人。中国人非常注重追古怀远,同时也知死乐生。清明节也是踏青、享受明媚春光的日子。

Part 2.6.2

China, home to one in five of the planet's population, is the superpower of the world fears, but few really know. Ken Hom is the Godfather of Chinese food. He introduced the wok to the West more than 30 years ago. We are going to take a once-in-a-life adventure across China through food, to delve into its heart and soul. Food is the best way to explore Chinese culture, because we really live to eat. It's an epic trip, 3000 miles from the megacities of the East to the forgotten villages of the Wild West. We'll uncover the familiar, the secret and the surprising, cook simple and delicious dishes, and reveal the secrets of China, old and new. It's like a journey that I've always dreamt about.

中国,世界五分之一人口的家园,世界敬畏的超级大国,却鲜有人真正了解。谭荣辉是中国菜的教父,三十余年前,他把锅引入了西方。我们即将开始一段绝无仅有的旅行,借由饮食走访中国,探寻这个古老国家最深处的灵魂。饮食是了解中国文化最好的途径,因为我们为食而生。这是一场史诗般的旅程,横跨 3000 英里,从东部繁华的都市,到西部荒凉、被人遗忘的村落。我们探寻熟悉的味道、秘密以及惊喜,做一些简单却美味的菜肴,揭开中国过去以及现在的秘密。就像我梦境中一直出现的那场旅行。

Part 2.6.3

In recent years, there are some new "festivals" in China. November 11th, also known as the Double Eleven Festival, is regarded as the Singles' Day because of the four characters of "1". On the Double Elven Festival of 2009, Alibaba cooperated with multiple brands and held the first Double Eleven Shopping Festival on Taobao.com to give cheer to the singles, which swept among consumers, storming the online shopping spree for the very first time. Today, a lot of online shopping platforms and the brick-and-mortar shops will provide tempting discounts on

their products when it comes to the Double Eleven. Single and married, old and young, men and women, people are fully engaged in the shopping spree on the Double Eleven Festival, pretty much similar to American "Black Friday".

近年来,中国出现了一些新的节日。11月11日,也被称为"双十一",因为含有四个"1",故也称"光棍节"。2009年的光棍节,阿里巴巴公司为了让单身的人快乐起来,联合很多个品牌,在网上商城举办了大型的打折活动,受到了消费者的热烈欢迎。首次举办就引发了网络购物狂欢。现在,各网购平台和实体店也都做较大力度的促销活动。在双十一期间,无论是单身,还是有家有室,男女老少都在双十一这天疯狂购物,类似于美国的"黑色星期五"。

Part 2.6.4

中国的众多少数民族也有丰富多彩的节日,著名的有:藏族的藏历新年、蒙古族的那达慕、傣族的泼水节、傈僳族的刀杆节、彝族的火把节、白族的三月节、信仰伊斯兰教的民族的古尔邦节等。

Many ethnic groups also have varieties of festivals, among which are the Tibetan New Year of Tibetan people, the Naadam of the Mongolians, the Water Splashing Festival of the Dai people, the Knife-Pole Festival of Lisu people, the Firebrand Festival of the Yi people, March Fair of Bai people, the Corban Festival of the Islamic group.

Part 2.6.5

春节要大扫除、打爆竹、用红色装饰房子、守岁。中国人对自然特别亲近,尤其是对月亮。中秋节的月亮是一年中最大最圆的,"圆"象征团圆,所以中秋节是家人团圆的日子。

On the Spring Festival, people would clean the house, set off firecrackers and fireworks, decorate the house with reds and stay up late. Chinese people are very close to nature, especially with the moon. The moon on the Mid-Autumn Festival turns out to be the fullest of the year. And given that fullness in Chinese culture is a symbol of union, the Mid-Autumn Festival thus became the festival for family reunion.

Part 2.6.6

在你身上,我能看到他那把剑的影子,但或许那些影响太过沉重了,你不能让你父亲的身影限制你,你得好好培养你的天赋。宇宙万物皆统一于气,人亦由气化生,但唯有赤子之心方能使人气合一,从而铸就伟大的战士,其徐如林,侵掠如火。

In you, I see the shadow of his sword. Perhaps this shadow falls heavy on your shoulders. You can't allow your father's legacy to hold you back. You need to cultivate your gift. The chi pervades the universe and all living things. We are all born with it. But only the most true will connect deeply to his chi and become a great warrior. Tranquil as a forest but on fire within.

2.7 Final Examination Paper

Problem 2.1 Based on knowledge of intercultural communication, write a report to analyze how **Mulan** or **Li Ziqi** successfully tells the story.(300-400 words)

Problem 2.2 Design a case to introduce **Chinese food** or **Chinese festival** or **Qingming** to your foreign friend who just arrives in Shanghai.(200-300 words).

Problem 2.3 Translate the following passage into Chinese.

- 1. Also, the Qingming Festival is another day of family reunion. The alive visit the tomb of the dead and pay their respect. The Qingming Festival is the only one of the 24 solar terms that remains a festival. What's more, the tomb sweeping on the day is of national wide, honoring both close relatives and the ancestors. Chinese people hold the value of remembering the past while hoping for a good future, accepting mortality with optimism towards life. In the Qingming Festival, we also go spring outings, enjoying the tender sunshine of spring.
- 2. China, home to one in five of the planet's population, is the superpower of the world fears, but few really know. Ken Hom is the Godfather of Chinese food. He introduced the wok to the West more than 30 years ago. We are going to take a once-in-a-life adventure across China through food, to delve into its heart and soul. Food is the best way to explore Chinese culture, because we really live to eat. It's an epic trip, 3000 miles from the megacities of the East to the forgotten villages of the Wild West. We'll uncover the familiar, the secret and the surprising, cook simple and delicious dishes, and reveal the secrets of China, old and new. It's like a journey that I've always dreamt about.
- 3. In recent years, there are some new "festivals" in China. November 11th, also known as the Double Eleven Festival, is regarded as the Singles' Day because of the four characters of "1". On the Double Elven Festival of 2009, Alibaba cooperated with multiple brands and held the first Double Eleven Shopping Festival on Taobao.com to give cheer to the singles, which swept among consumers, storming the online shopping spree for the very first time. Today, a lot of online shopping platforms and the brick-and-mortar shops will provide tempting discounts on their products when it comes to the Double Eleven. Single and married, old and young, men and women, people are fully engaged in the shopping spree on the Double Eleven Festival, pretty much similar to American "Black Friday".
- 4. Many ethnic groups also have varieties of festivals, among which are the Tibetan New Year of Tibetan people, the Naadam of the Mongolians, the Water Splashing Festival of the Dai people, the Knife-Pole Festival of Lisu people, the Firebrand Festival of the Yi people, March Fair of Bai people, the Corban Festival of the Islamic group.
- 5. On the Spring Festival, people would clean the house, set off firecrackers and fireworks, decorate the house with reds and stay up late. Chinese people are very close to nature, especially with the moon. The moon on the Mid-Autumn Festival turns out to be the fullest of the year. And given

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- 6. In you, I see the shadow of his sword. Perhaps this shadow falls heavy on your shoulders. You can't allow your father's legacy to hold you back. You need to cultivate your gift. The chi pervades the universe and all living things. We are all born with it. But only the most true will connect deeply to his chi and become a great warrior. Tranquil as a forest but on fire within.

Problem 2.4 Translate the following passage into English.

- 1. 清明节也是家人团聚的日子,生者来到逝者的墓前,向逝者表达敬意。清明节是 24 节气中唯一一个在现代中国还保持着节日地位的。这一天的祭扫活动是全国性的,不但纪念近亲,也纪念先人。中国人非常注重追古怀远,同时也知死乐生。清明节也是踏青、享受明媚春光的日子。
- 2. 中国,世界五分之一人口的家园,世界敬畏的超级大国,却鲜有人真正了解。谭荣辉是中国菜的教父,三十余年前,他把锅引入了西方。我们即将开始一段绝无仅有的旅行,借由饮食走访中国,探寻这个古老国家最深处的灵魂。饮食是了解中国文化最好的途径,因为我们为食而生。这是一场史诗般的旅程,横跨 3000 英里,从东部繁华的都市,到西部荒凉、被人遗忘的村落。我们探寻熟悉的味道、秘密以及惊喜,做一些简单却美味的菜肴,揭开中国过去以及现在的秘密。就像我梦境中一直出现的那场旅行。
- 3. 近年来,中国出现了一些新的节日。11 月 11 日,也被称为"双十一",因为含有四个"1",故也称"光棍节"。2009 年的光棍节,阿里巴巴公司为了让单身的人快乐起来,联合很多个品牌,在网上商城举办了大型的打折活动,受到了消费者的热烈欢迎。首次举办就引发了网络购物狂欢。现在,各网购平台和实体店也都做较大力度的促销活动。在双十一期间,无论是单身,还是有家有室,男女老少都在双十一这天疯狂购物,类似于美国的"黑色星期五"。
- 4. 中国的众多少数民族也有丰富多彩的节日,著名的有:藏族的藏历新年、蒙古族的那达 慕、傣族的泼水节、傈僳族的刀杆节、彝族的火把节、白族的三月节、信仰伊斯兰教的 民族的古尔邦节等。
- 5. 春节要大扫除、打爆竹、用红色装饰房子、守岁。中国人对自然特别亲近,尤其是对月亮。中秋节的月亮是一年中最大最圆的,"圆"象征团圆,所以中秋节是家人团圆的日子。
- 6. 在你身上,我能看到他那把剑的影子,但或许那些影响太过沉重了,你不能让你父亲的身影限制你,你得好好培养你的天赋。宇宙万物皆统一于气,人亦由气化生,但唯有赤子之心方能使人气合一,从而铸就伟大的战士,其徐如林,侵掠如火。