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Preface

Chinese is the language of the country with the largest population in the world, and in the United States, Chinese is the language of the second largest group of non-English speakers, after only Spanish. To date, although a number of comprehensive Chinese textbooks are currently available in the United States, interesting and informative pleasure-reading materials specifically designed for Chinese are scarce at all levels. Learners and instructors of Chinese as a foreign language (CFL) have longed for such materials, and as the first AP* Chinese Language and Culture exam was offered in 2007, the need for quality graded readers that familiarize students with expressions essential to understanding Chinese culture is now greater than ever.

This Readings in Chinese Literature Series <新編中文课外阅读 丛书>/<新編中文課外閱讀叢書> was created to meet the need for supplementary reading materials for Chinese language learners. Foreign language acquisition research has shown that extensive pleasure reading, in which students read large quantities of level-appropriate books and materials, is essential to attaining fluency in a foreign language.

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Pleasure reading not only improves students' reading skills, speed, and language proficiency, but also leads them to lifelong fluency and enjoyment of reading in the target language. This series of graded readers presents stories and anecdotes that are a part of the Chinese literary canon and essential for cultural fluency: sayings from classical philosophers, folk tales, legends, excerpts from great works of literature, and more.

Tales & Traditions, Volume 3 is designed for students who have finished the intermediate level of Chinese study. Its five chapters, organized by theme, include five classical Chinese poems such as Li Bai's famous "Missing My Hometown on a Tranquil Night" (静夜思/静夜思); five explorations of well-known cities and historical sites such as Dunhuang and Tibet's Potala Palace; four classical Chinese love stories such as "Lady Reindeer Looks Back" (鹿回头/鹿回頭); four knight-errant stories such as "The Heroine Feng Wanzhen" (女英雄冯婉贞/ 女英雄馮婉貞) and "Scraping the Poisoned Bone for Treatment" (关公刮骨疗毒/關公刮骨療毒); and five myths and fantasies such as "Shennong Tastes Hundreds of Herbs" (神农尝百草/神農嘗 百草). Material within each chapter increases in difficulty, but students and teachers should feel comfortable reading the selections in any order (note, however, that new words are only glossed at first occurrence).

Each text in Tales & Traditions has an interesting story line, a vocabulary list, and stimulating post-text questions (for both Chinese and English answers). The texts, appearing on facing pages in simplified and traditional characters, can be used for individual student reading and/or for instructor-facilitated classroom reading. Using the discussion questions, teachers can engage students in comprehension checks, cross-cultural comparisons, and real-life reflections. Students may also enjoy acting out the stories (see the "Teaching Note" at the end of this Preface for more information). Teachers will find the texts easy to use and an essential tool

to improve learners' presentation skills. The stories will help students gain literacy and familiarity with Chinese written texts and topics that are at the heart of Chinese culture. This focus on reading comprehension and cultural knowledge makes the Readings in Chinese Literature Series an excellent companion for students who are preparing for the AP Chinese Language and Culture exam or other standardized tests.

A comprehensive index of all vocabulary words, arranged in alphabetical order by pinyin, will help students review and look up unfamiliar words. Proper nouns that appear in the stories are underlined, so that students can easily recognize and identify them. To check their comprehension after reading each story in Chinese, students may consult the English abstracts (see Appendix), which provides short summaries of each story rather than word-for-word translations.

About the Tales & Traditions Series

The series of graded readers consists of four volumes, each containing stories adapted to a level appropriate for learners of Chinese: Volume 1 is for advanced-beginning learners, followed by intermediate and low advanced, up to advanced level in Volume 4. Each volume includes a variety of genres, such as myths, legends, classical and popular short stories, fables, Tang/Song poems, satirical and amusing essays and stories, and extracts of well-known literature. Authentic texts, vocabulary words, and sentence patterns have been adapted to keep the stories level-appropriate, while maintaining their originality. Illustrations accompany all texts, from beginning to advanced levels.

In each volume, vocabulary words, forms of usage, idioms, expressions, sentence patterns, and phrases are selected according to their frequency of use and expository requirements. New vocabulary items are glossed where they first appear, so that if a word appears in Chapters 2, 3, and 4,

it will generally be glossed only in Chapter 2. Students should focus on reading for comprehension, rather than being able to recognize each and every character.

To adapt these stories and compile vocabulary lists, the authors used three main sources: Xiandai Hanyu Pinlu Cidian (现代汉语频率词 典/現代漢語頻率詞典/) (1986), Hanyu Shuiping Dengji Biaozhun he Dengji Dagang (汉语水平等级标准和等级大纲/漢語水平 等級標準和等級大綱) (1988), and Far East 3000 Chinese Character Dictionary (远东汉字三千字典/遠東漢字三千字典) (2003). Words and phrases used at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels are selected in accordance with the 甲乙丙 levels specified in 汉语水平等级标准和等级大纲/漢語水平等級標準和 等級大綱. The length (i.e., the number of running characters) of the texts gradually increases as the academic level advances, from 150 to 1,000 characters per text for the beginning and intermediate levels, and from 500 to 2,000 characters per text for the low advanced and advanced levels. For the beginning and intermediate levels, most characters were selected from the first 1,500 most frequently used words listed in 现代 汉语频率词典/現代漢語頻率詞典, and have been recycled and expanded to the first 3,500 words and beyond for the low advanced and advanced levels.

As globalization, multiculturalism, and multilingualism change the way people interact with one another around the globe, a high level of Chinese language proficiency has become an important qualification for individuals in the United States and other English-speaking countries to gain a competitive advantage in academics, business, and other areas. We hope this series of stories will help students become fluent readers and speakers of Chinese, as well as global citizens with a multicultural perspective.

TEACHING NOTE

For teachers and students who are using this book as supplementary reading for a Chinese course, we have provided questions in both Chinese and English to stimulate class discussions of the stories. In addition, students can be asked to retell the stories in their own words when class time allows. For extra speaking practice, students may enjoy acting out the stories in small groups. Each group selects a story, writes speaking lines, and assigns roles. A special day or two can be set aside at mid-term or semester's end for performance of the plays.



■ 词类简称表■ 詞類簡稱表

Abbreviations of Parts of Speech

Part of Speech Definition

adj. Adjective

adv. Adverb

conj. Conjunction

expr. Expression

mw. Measure word

n. Noun

pn. Proper noun

prep. Preposition

v. Verb

vc. Verb plus complement

vo. Verb plus object

I

第一章 诗词欣赏第一章 詩詞欣賞■

Classical Chinese Poems

This chapter introduces five classical poems written by the most famous Chinese poets. Although these poems are very popular and included in most Chinese children's books, you may find them quite different from the modern Chinese language you have studied so far. Their vocabulary words and phrases are compact, and the sentence patterns differ from the modern Chinese language you have learned in class.

However, these poems are beautiful, with unique melodies and vivid images that will help you appreciate the Chinese language even more. And they are so deeply associated with Chinese literature and history that they continue to pop up everywhere in modern Chinese readings. Therefore, it is important and necessary for advanced learners like you to be exposed to them. To help you bridge the gap between the classical and modern styles, we have included a prose version of each poem in modern Chinese.

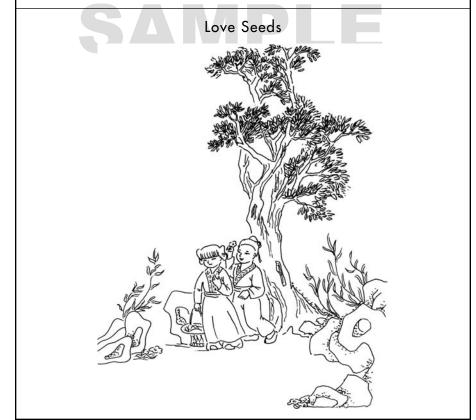
By learning these poems, you will not only learn new characters and vocabulary words but also master "old" characters and vocabulary words in a new style. And most importantly, you will get acquainted with one of the most beautiful and richest of Chinese literary genres—详载. We hope that through reading these poems, you will love the language you have committed to learning even more.

相思■

xiāngsī

(唐) 王维 (唐) 王維

táng wángwéi



Hóng dòu shēng nán guó 豆 生 南 红 国, chūn lái fā jĭ zhī 春 来 发 几 枝。 yuàn duō căi xié jūn 多 采 愿 君 撷, wù xiāng cĭ zuì sī 此 物 最 思。 相

《相思》译文 (Prose version)

美丽的红豆生长在南方, 到了春天就会抽枝发芽。 希望你能多摘一些随身带着, 因为红豆正是情思的象征。

shēng Hóng guó dòu nán 豆 紅 生 國, 南 lái chūn fā jĭ zhī 春來 發 幾 枝。 yuàn jūn duō căi xié 君多采 願 擷, wù zuì xiāng cĭ sī 此 最 思。 物 相

《相思》譯文 (Prose version)

美麗的紅豆生長在南方, 到了春天就會抽枝發芽。 希望你能多摘一些隨身帶著, 因爲紅豆正是情思的象徵。

■ 生词■ 生詞■

Vocabulary List

Simplified Characters	Traditional Characters	Pinyin	Part of Speech	English Definition
红豆	紅豆	hóngdòu	n.	red berry, red bean
生长	生長	shēngzhǎng	v.	to grow up
抽枝	抽枝	chōu zhī	vo.	to put forth buds
发芽	發芽	fā yá	vo.	to sprout
摘	摘	zhāi	v.	to pick, to pluck
情思	情思	qíngsī	n.	fond memories, affection, thoughts of romantic love
象征	象徵	xiàngzhēng	n.	symbol, emblem

■ 讨论题■ 討論題

Questions for Discussion

Answer in Chinese:

- I. # 红豆生长在什么地方?
 - 紅豆生長在什麼地方?
- 2. 为什么诗人希望你多摘一些?
 - 爲什麼詩人希望你多摘一些?

Discuss in English:

- 3. What is the emblem of romantic love in Western culture?
- 4. What do red berries symbolize in this poem?

II

- 第二章 名城古迹第二章 名城古迹Ⅲ

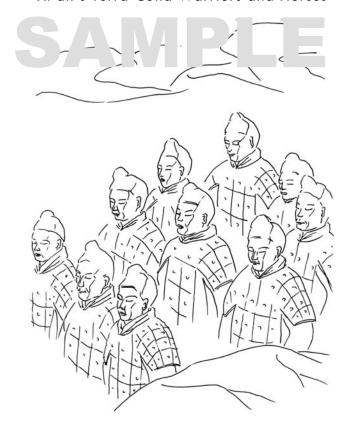
Cities of Reputation and Sites of Historical Interest

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- 西安兵马俑 ■
- 西安兵馬俑

xī'ān bīngmǎyŏng

Xi'an's Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses



秦始皇陵是安放秦始皇棺材的地方,它的周围有车马坑和兵马俑坑。兵马俑坑非常有名,被称为"世界第八奇迹"。兵马俑坑又分三个坑:一号坑,二号坑,和三号坑。

第一号兵马俑坑长230米,宽62米,面积有 14260平方米。坑内有武士俑和马俑六千多件, 像战场一样,排成方阵。二号坑有一千多件兵马 俑,有战车和骑兵。三号坑是个小坑,好像是指 挥部,它只有六十多个兵马俑。

这些兵马俑都跟真人真马一样大小,但形态都不一样,表情也都不一样。这些作品是泥塑艺术的顶峰,为中华民族的文化增添了光彩。每年都有来自世界各地的,成千上万的游客去参观。

西安,古時候叫作長安,是當時中國政治、 → 經濟和文化的中心,也是最早有一百多萬 人口的大城市。西安有三千多年的歷史,有十多 個王朝在這個城市建立首都。你如果要瞭解中國 幾千年的歷史,就應該到西安去看看。"西 (方)有羅馬,東(方)有長安"説的就是西安在中 國和世界歷史上的地位跟羅馬一樣重要。你如果 知道馬可·波羅的故事,你就知道有名的絲綢之 路,它就是從西安開始的。如果說古埃及金字塔 是世界上最大的地上王陵,那麽西安的中國秦始 皇陵則是世界上最大的地下皇陵。

秦始皇陵是安放秦始皇棺材的地方,它的周圍 有車馬坑和兵馬俑坑。兵馬俑坑非常有名,被 稱爲"世界第八奇迹"。兵馬俑坑又分三個坑: 一號坑,二號坑,和三號坑。

第一號兵馬俑坑長230米,寬62米,面積有 14260平方米。坑内有武士俑和馬俑六千多件, 像戰場一樣,排成方陣。二號坑有一千多件兵馬 俑,有戰車和騎兵。三號坑是個小坑,好像是指 揮部,它只有六十多個兵馬俑。

這些兵馬俑都跟眞人眞馬一樣大小,但形態都 不一樣,表情也都不一樣。這些作品是泥塑藝術 的頂峰,爲中華民族的文化增添了光彩。每年都 有來自世界各地的,成千上萬的游客去參觀。

■ 生词■ 生詞■

Vocabulary List

Simplified Characters	Traditional Characters	Pinyin	Part of Speech	English Definition
当时	當時	dāngshí	adv.	at that time
罗马	羅馬	Luómă	pn.	Rome
地位	地位	dìwèi	n.	status
马可· 波罗	馬可· 波羅	Măkě Bōluó	pn.	Marco Polo
丝绸之路	絲綢之路	Sīchóu zhīlù	pn.	the Silk Road
古埃及	古埃及	Gŭ Āijí	pn.	Ancient Egypt
金字塔	金字塔	jīnzì tǎ	n.	pyramid
秦始皇陵	秦始皇陵	Qín ShǐHuáng líng	n.	the tomb of Emperor Qin
棺材	棺材	guāncai	n.	coffin
兵马俑坑	兵馬俑坑	Bīngmǎyŏng kēng	pn.	Vault of Warriors and Horses
武士俑	武士俑	Wŭshìyŏng	pn.	Vault of Warriors
战场	戰場	zhànchǎng	n.	battleground
排成 方阵	排成 方陣	páichéng fāngzhèn	vo.	to line up in squares
骑兵	騎兵	qíbīng	n.	cavalrymen

Simplified Characters	Traditional Characters	Pinyin	Part of Speech	English Definition
形态	形態	xíngtài	n.	form, shape
表情	表情	biǎoqíng	n.	facial expression
泥塑艺术	泥塑藝術	nísù yìshù	n.	art of clay
				sculpture
顶峰	頂峰	dĭngfēng	n.	summit
增添	增添	zēngtiān	v.	to add, to
				increase
光彩	光彩	guāngcǎi	n.	splendor

■ 讨论题■ 討論題

Questions for Discussion

Answer in Chinese:

- I. 如果要了解中国几千年的历史,为什么 应该去西安?
 - 如果要瞭解中國幾千年的歷史,爲什麼 應該去西安?
- 2. 秦始皇陵的兵马俑坑为什么那么有名?
 - ₩ 秦始皇陵的兵馬俑坑爲什麽那麽有名?

Discuss in English:

3. What are the differences and similarities between the Tomb of Qin Shi Huang and the Egyptian Pyramids?



Appendix: Story Abstracts in English

SAMPLE

I: CLASSICAL CHINESE POEMS

I. 静 夜 思 静 夜 思 jìng yè sī

Missing My Hometown on a Tranquil Night

Li Bai (李白, Lǐ Bái, 701–762) is one of the greatest poets of the Tang Dynasty as well as in all of China's literary history. Li Bai grew up in what is now Sichuan Province. He is best known for his extravagant imagination and the striking imagery in his poetry. Approximately 1,100 of his poems remain today. In this poem, 《静夜思》, Li Bai describes a quiet night when he lay on his bed in a moonlit room. Separated from his family and far from his hometown, he was in low spirits. Looking out his window, he first thought he saw frost on the ground. He then looked up and saw the bright moon, which he realized was shedding light over everything. Lowering his head again, he thought of his hometown and was overcome with homesickness.

2. 春晓 春曉 chūnxiǎo

Spring Morning

Meng Haoran (孟浩然, Mèng Hàorán, 689–740) was a prominent Chinese landscape poet during the Tang Dynasty. He was born in what is now Hubei (湖北) Province and was strongly attached to his hometown. He lived there almost all his life, and its landscape, history, and legends were the subject of many of his poems. In this poem, 《春晓》, the poet portrays a calm spring morning after a night storm, when people wake up to hear birds singing and wonder how many of the beautiful flowers fell during the storm.

3. 相思 xiāngsī

Love Seeds

Wang Wei (王维, Wáng Wéi, 699–761), one of the great poets of the earlier Tang Dynasty, was born in what is now Shensi (陕西, Shǎnxī) Province. He had outstanding talents in poetry, calligraphy, music, and painting, and his 400 poems appear in many anthologies. Wang Wei viewed the world with great compassion and sentiment. In this poem, 《和思》, he compares "red berries" to "love seeds" and writes with affection, "Red berries grow in the south; how many can sprout in the spring? Please gather as many as you can and take them with you, because they can revive your fond memories."

4. 悯农 憫農 mǐnnóng

Pitying the Farmers

Li Shen (李绅, Lǐ Shēn, 780–840), born in what is currently Jiangsu Province, was a great poet in the mid-Tang Dynasty. He obtained a *Jinshi*

II: CITIES OF REPUTATION AND SITES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

6. 中国首都北京 中國首都北京

zhōng guó shǒu dū běi jīng

China's Capital City, Beijing

Beijing is China's capital city as well as its political, economic, and cultural center. Its numerous historic sites include Tiananmen Square, the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven, and the Forbidden City. The twenty-ninth Summer Olympics were held in Beijing, and the opening ceremony was the grandest of grand, with thousands of magnificent fireworks and a gigantic Chinese painting portraying the origin and development of China throughout its history. The theme of the Beijing Olympics was "One World One Dream," and the theme song was "You and Me." They strongly touched people's lives and transmitted the Olympic spirit of peace, harmony, and solidarity.

7. 长城 長城 chángchéng

The Great Wall

The Great Wall is a symbol of China's ancient civilization and a source of pride for Chinese people. It is also one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The Great Wall was originally built during the reign of Qin Shi Huang for military defense, but what we can see today was nearly all re-built in the Ming Dynasty. The Bada Ling section, which is located 75 kilometers north of Beijing, is the best-preserved section. It has a panoramic view of the beautiful mountains and rivers and has attracted millions of visitors from the world each year, including Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton, and Margaret Thatcher.

8. 西安兵马俑 西安兵馬俑 xī'ān bīngmǎyŏng

Xi'an's Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses

Xi'an was an important city in ancient China and the capital of eleven Chinese dynasties. It is famous throughout the world for the Tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of the Qin Dynasty (255–210 B.C.E.). So far, three underground vaults containing thousands of life-size terracotta warriors and horses have been unearthed and officially opened to the public. They have often been referred to as "the eighth wonder of the ancient world." The three vaults are well preserved in three modern exhibits and have attracted millions of visitors each year.

9. 敦煌石窟 敦煌石窟 dūn huáng shí kū

Dunhuang Rock Caves

Dunhuang was an ancient city in what is now northwestern Gansu Province, China. It has been famed for its rock caves and prehistoric

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爱护	愛護	àihù	v.	to take good care of, to cherish	20
安危	安危	ānwēi	n.	safety and danger	17
翱翔	翶翔	áoxiáng	v.	to soar, to hover	9
奥林匹克 运动会	奥林匹克 運動會	Àolínpĭkè Yùndònghuì	pn.	The Olympics	6
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八达岭	八達嶺	Bādá Lǐng	pn.	Mount Bada	7
拔剑	拔劍	bá jiàn	vo.	to pull out a sword	14
霸王	霸王	bàwáng	n.	The Conquerer	14
帮手	幫手	bāngshŏu	n.	help	23
绑	綁	băng	v.	to bind, to tie	16
包括	包括	bāokuò	v.	to include	7
宝库	寶庫	bǎokù	n.	treasure house	IO
宝器	寶器	bǎoqì	n.	treasure	23

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宝物	寶物	băowù	n.	treasure	22
保存	保存	băocún	v.	to preserve	7
保护	保護	bǎohù	v.	to protect	23
保卫	保衛	băowèi	v.	to defend	18
堡垒式	堡壘式	băolěishì	adj.	fortress-style	7
报仇	報仇	bàochóu	v.	to revenge, to avenge	15
豹子	豹子	bàozi	n.	leopard	12
悲壮	悲壯	bēizhuàng	adj.	moving and tragic	14
被迫	被迫	bèipò	v.	to be forced	13
本领	本領	běnlĭng	n.	skill, ability	22
比喻	比喻	bĭyù	n.	metaphor	II
壁画	壁畫	bìhuà	n.	mural paintings	9
边关	邊關	biānguān	n.	border area	17
鞭子	鞭子	biānzi	n.	whip	19
变身术	變身術	biànshēn shù	n.	the art of physical transformation	23
标志	標誌	biāozhì	n.	sign, symbol	9
表情	表情	biǎoqíng	n.	facial expression	8
表现	表現	biǎoxiàn	v.	to express	6
兵马俑坑	兵馬俑坑	Bīngmǎyŏng kēng	pn.	Vault of Warriors and Horses 8	
兵权	兵權	bīngquán	n.	military leadership	17
并列	並列	bìngliè	v.	to stand side by side	7
波涛汹涌	波濤洶湧	bōtāo xiōngyŏng	expr.	great waves	22