**Chinese Traditional Figures 1**

*Develop the students' comprehensive skills while exploring the world of video*

**Ⅰ Enjoy a song before the class—I’ll make a man out of you.** Students will be aware of what is going to be showed and stimulate their enthusiasm for the figure.

**Watch the video and fill the blanks:** The video is consistent with the text content. Let students watch the video while paying more attention to the subtitles. Do the following exercise immediately after viewing.

**Mulan**

Mulan is a legendary Chinese who is known for her bravery, selflessness and filial piety. Her story has been told for centuries.

In the story, Mulan is a young woman who lives in China during the Northern Wei Dynasty. The government of the Northern Wei Dynasty required every household to send one man to fight in the war. Mulan's father was old and sick, and her younger brother was too young to fight. So Mulan decided to **disguise herself as** a man and **take her father's place** in the army.

Fighting on the border was a difficult task for many men, and it was even more difficult for Mulan, who had to **hide her identity** and fight alongside her comrades. After many years of fighting, Mulan finally returned home victorious. The emperor **was so impressed by** her bravery that he **pardoned her for** impersonating a man and **offered her a position** in the government. However, Mulan declined, saying that she needed to return home to **care for** her aging parents.

The story of Mulan is **a reminder of the strength and courage** of women. It is also **a reminder of the importance of family and duty.**

**ⅡCheck the answers and study the words:** check the answers one by one and highlight the usage of some important one if necessary.

Go further reading by choosing the main idea of the story. Then go through the words and expressions quickly to review what has already been learned before.

**ⅢRead the whole passage and consolidate the relevant words with another video. The story of Mulan is suitable for students to prepare writing assessment like Use English to Tell a Chinese Story.**

**ⅣGuess---**show a sentence from the movie of Mulan and let students translate the sentence

The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all.

**逆境中绽放的花朵，才是最珍贵、最美丽的。**

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