**Chinese Traditional Figures**

**Li Bai**

**ⅠWatch the video and fill the blanks**

Li Bai, also known as Li Taibai, was a great Chinese romantic poet of the Tang Dynasty. He was born in 701 AD in the Tang Dynasty. Li Bai was a free-spirited and outgoing person 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ loved to drink and make friends. He was a man of great talent and 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(create) and his work is characterized by its 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(bold), imagination and passion.

Li Bai was once 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(favor) by Emperor Xuan Zong of Tang and served as 5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scholar in the Imperial Academy. However, he was eventually exiled from the court due to his outspokenness. He then traveled throughout China 6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(meet) with other poets and scholars. Li Bai‘s most famous poems such as Viewing the Waterfalls at Mount Lu, the Difficulties of Travel, Bring in the Wine and Departing Early from Baidi Town 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(consider) to be among the 8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(great) in Chinese literature. Li Bai is often referred to 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the poet immortal and 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_（pair） with Du Fu, the Poet Sage, as Li Du.

**ⅡCheck the answers and study the words**

**Word bank**

* free-spirited / ˌfriː ˈspɪrɪtɪd / adj.无拘无束的;自由奔放的
* characterize / ˈkærəktəraɪz / v.描述，刻画；成为…的特征，是…的典型
* boldness / ˈbəʊldnəs / n.大胆；冒失；显著
* exile/ ˈeksaɪl / v.流放；使离开
* outspokenness / aʊtˈspəʊkənnəs /n.坦白;直言相告
* immortal / ɪˈmɔːt(ə)l /n.追随者，门徒
* Be favored by 受到青睐：被人们喜爱、支持或赞同。
* the Imperial Academy翰林院
* Be referred to as 被称为
* be paired with 与……搭配：指两种或多种物品、人或概念之间的组合或配对。

**ⅢRead the whole passage and consolidate the relevant words with another video**

**ⅣHave a try---**translate the poem

Before my bed a pool of light — \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Can it be hoar-frost on the ground? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Looking up, I find the moon bright; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bowing, in homesickness I’m drowned. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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