**Chinese Traditional Figures**

**Zheng Banqiao**

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

Zheng Banqiao was a famous Chinese painter, calligrapher and poet of the Qing Dynasty. He was born in Xinghua, Jiangsu Province. Zheng Banqiao was known for his paintings of bamboo, orchids and rocks. His paintings were characterized by their simple brushwork, fresh style and 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) composition. He often used bamboo 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (symbolize) his own upright character and unyielding spirit. Zheng created his own style of calligraphy, 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he called six-and-a-half script. His calligraphy was characterized by his 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(flow) lines and vibrant energy.

Zheng Banqiao's poems were known for their fresh and humorous style. He often wrote about his 5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(observation) of life and his thoughts on the meaning of 6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(exist).

Zheng Banqiao was a man of integrity who was not afraid to speak his mind, he was also a man of poverty, 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he never gave up his ideals. Zheng Banqiao’s 8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (art) achievements had a profound impact 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ later generations. He is considered one of the most important 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(art) of the Qing Dynasty.

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

**Word bank**

* calligrapher / kəˈlɪɡrəfə(r) /n.书法家
* orchid / ˈɔːkɪd / n.兰科植物，兰花；淡紫色
* characterize / ˈkærəktəraɪz /v.描述，刻画；成为……的特征
* symbolize/ ˈsɪmbəlaɪz /v.象征，用符号代表；
* unyielding / ʌnˈjiːldɪŋ / adj.不屈的；坚强的
* vibrant / ˈvaɪbrənt /adj.充满活力的，充满生机的
* integrity / ɪnˈteɡrəti /n.正直，诚实
* profound/ prəˈfaʊnd /adj.（影响）深刻的，极大的
* be characterized by以……为特征：描述某事物或现象的特征或特点
* speak one’s mind直言不讳

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

**ⅣHave a try---**translate the poem

Upright stands the bamboo amid green mountains steep;\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Its toothlike root in broken rock is planted deep. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It’s strong and firm though struck and beaten without rest, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Careless of the wind from north or south, east or west. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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