

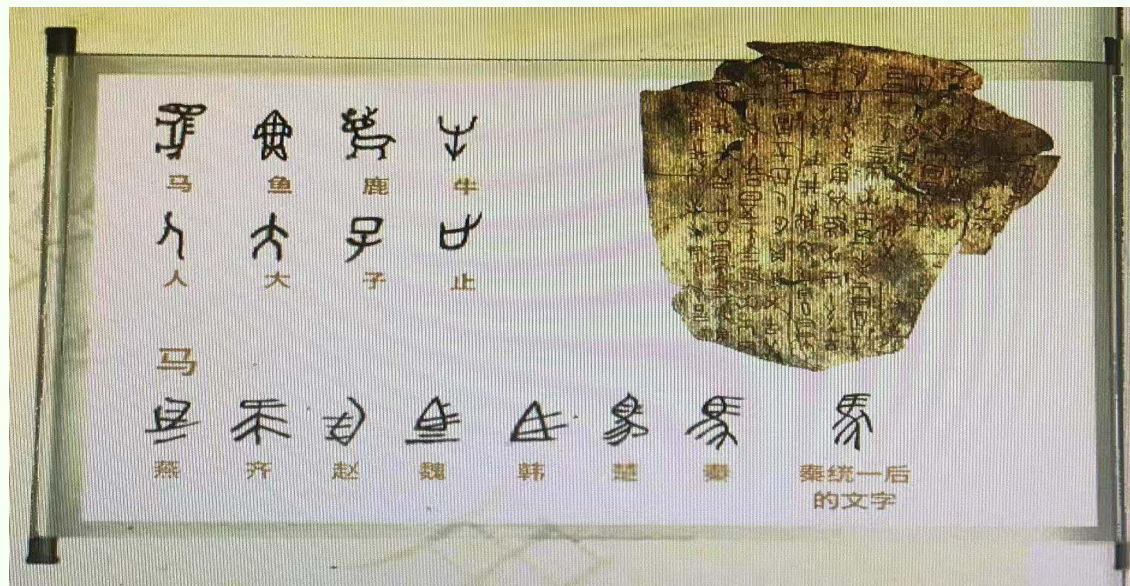
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# Welcome!



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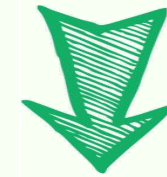


## Lead in: free talk

Watch the video and think about what Li Ziqi is doing?



**Chinese traditions  
to celebrate the  
Spring Festival**



How much do you know about her?

**Make a great contribution to  
spreading Chinese culture**

**A(n) Big hit/ Internet celebrity**

**Videos about Chinese culture**

**Billions of fans abroad**





# Task1 Prediction

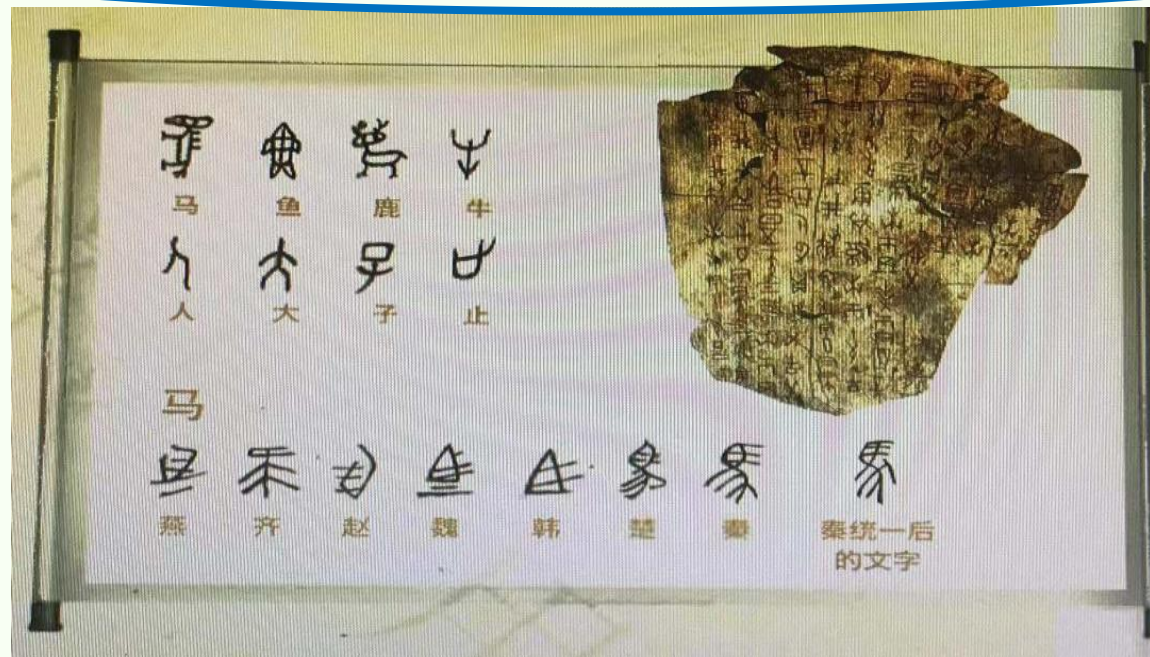
Look at the title and picture below. Predict what the text will be about.

Topic

THE CHINESE WRITING SYSTEM:

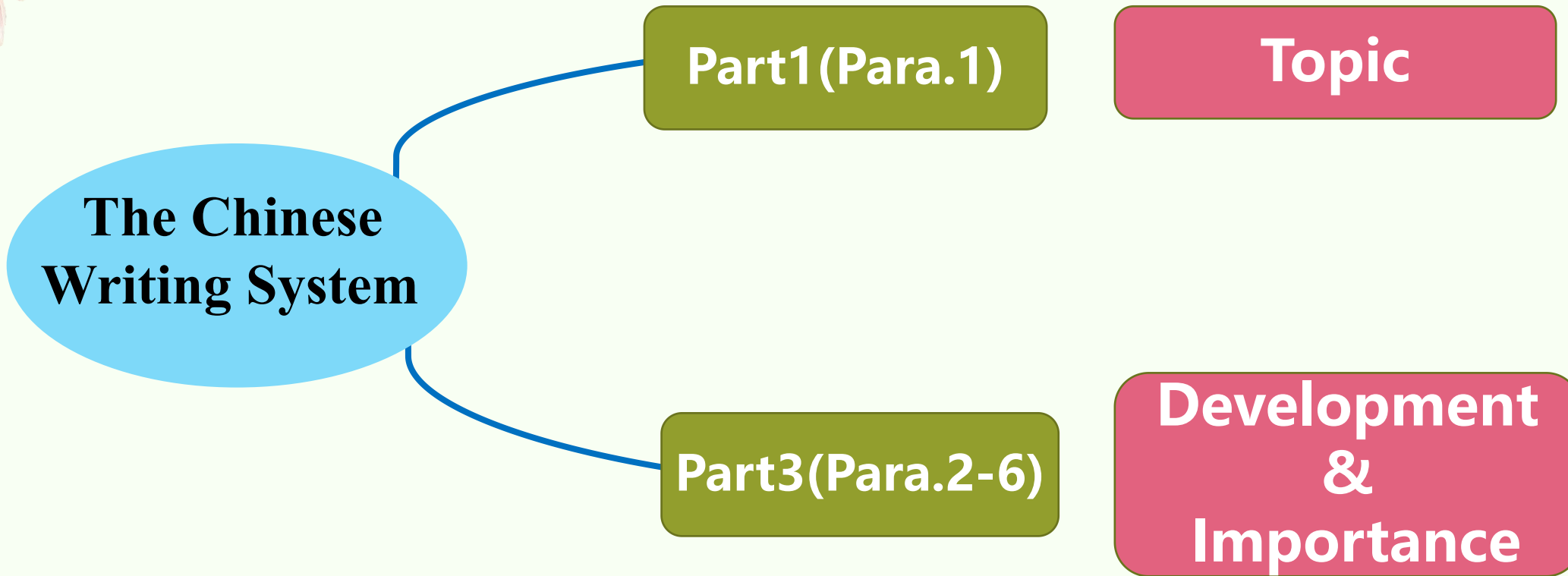
Focus

CONNECTING THE PAST AND THE PRESENT



## Task2 Skimming

Divide the text into **TWO** parts and find the main idea of each part.



What's the writing style?

A.Narration(叙述文) B.Description(描述文) ☒ C.Exposition (说明文)

## Task3 Scanning

### Part1 Topic

①China is widely known for its ancient civilisation **which** has continued all the way through into modern times, despite the many ups and downs in its history. There are many reasons why this has been possible, **but** one of the main factors has been the Chinese writing system.

**passed down/survived**

**Why can Chinese ancient civilisation pass down?**



## Task3 Scanning

## Development

How did the Chinese writing system develop?



# Task3 Scanning

## Development

Scan

Scanning is looking at the text quickly to find specific information, such as dates or numbers.

jiaguwen

Several thousand years ago

At the beginning

picture-based

Over the years  
different forms

By the Shang Dynasty  
well-developed

The Qin Dynasty  
one direction

Today  
part of Chinese culture

Connect the past and the present





## Task3 Scanning

## Importance

**How did written Chinese unify Chinese people divided by geography and dialects?**

④Emperor Qinshihuang united the seven major states into one unified country where the Chinese writing system began to develop in one direction. That writing system was of great importance in uniting the Chinese people and culture. Even today, no matter where Chinese people live or what dialect they speak, they can all still communicate in writing.

**Connect people divided by geography**



# Further-thinking

1

Do you like Emperor Qinshihuang? Why?

founded the unified country

established the unified system

imposed severe punishment

Try to make comments from different perspectives.





## Task3 Scanning

## Importance

**How does written Chinese connect Chinese people today with those of the past?**

⑤ Written Chinese has also become an important means by which China's present is connected with its past. People in modern times can read the classic works which were written by Chinese in ancient times. The high regard for the Chinese writing system can be seen in the development of Chinese characters as an art form, known as Chinese calligraphy, which has become an important part of Chinese culture.

Connect **language** and **art**



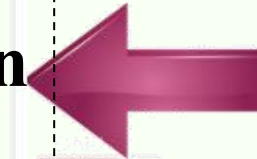


## Further-thinking

2

With the development of new technology, some people think there is no need to learn calligraphy. Do you agree? Why?

- a long history
- a beautiful art form
- part of China's culture/civilisation
- show the character the “man behind the brush”
- a way to relax/develop patience
- ...





## Task3 Scanning

## Importance

### Why do more and more international students begin to learn Chinese?

⑥ Today, the Chinese writing system is still an important part of Chinese culture. As China plays a great role in global affairs, an increasing number of international students are beginning to appreciate China's culture and history through this amazing language.

Connect **China** and **the world**





## Summary

topic

focuses

### THE CHINESE WRITING SYSTEM: CONNECTING THE PAST AND THE PRESENT

Connecting people divided geographically

Connecting language and art

Connecting China and the world

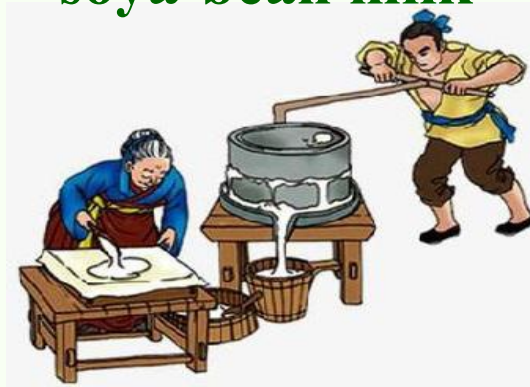
The structure of an exposition (说明文)





## Task4 Discussion

The Chinese writing system is one factor that has helped the Chinese culture survive. What do you think are some of other factors?



Chinese people's contributions



## Task4 Discussion

**As a Chinese teenager, what will you do to help to spread Chinese culture?**

**Possible answer:**

- **Improve Chinese and English**
- **Hold a positive attitude to...**
- **Learn traditional arts if possible**
- **Know about stories/legends about Chinese festivals**
- **Introduce Chinese culture to foreigners if possible**
- **...**



# HOMework

1. Read the text again and recite the expressions you like.
2. Finish writing the following speech after class.

你校将举行一次主题为“传承中华文明，传播中国文化”的英语演讲比赛，请你写一篇演讲稿，内容包括：

1. 如何传承（欣赏、学习）；
2. 如何传播（介绍、交流）；

注意：

1. 词数80左右；
2. 可适当增加细节，以使行文连贯。







# Thank You!





## One possible version

**Dear friends,**

**I'm really proud to share my opinions about Chinese culture. As Chinese teenagers, we should attempt to appreciate Chinese culture and have a good knowledge of it. Surely, it's better to learn some traditional arts, like calligraphy.**

**Nowadays, China plays an increasingly vital role in global affairs. Therefore, it's a good idea to introduce Chinese language, arts, foods and the stories behind to foreigners if possible. So we'd better learn both Chinese and English well to make the communication smoothly. Actually it's our responsibility to connect China to the world more closely.**

**Thanks for your listening!**

