

Experience Chinese Culture: Chinese Language and Confucianism

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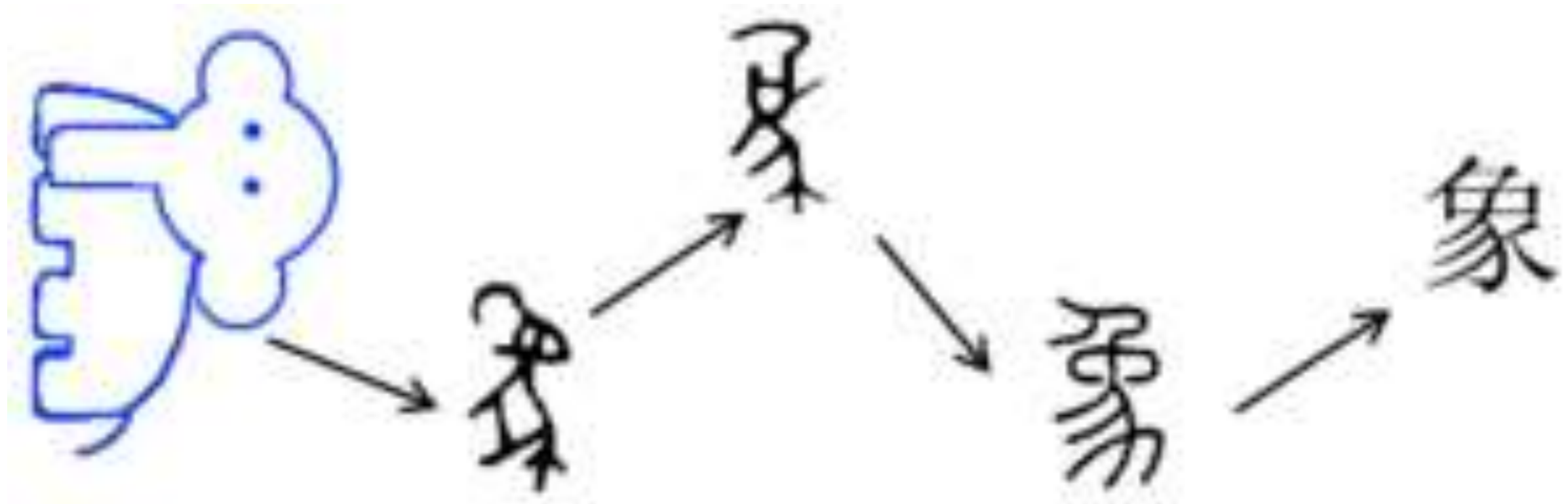
Chinese Characters



The art of writing Chinese characters is called Chinese calligraphy



CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY IS USUALLY
DONE WITH INK BRUSHES.



EACH CHARACTER HAS A SET NUMBER OF BRUSHSTROKES

Experience Culture





Calligraphy was the means by which scholars could mark their thoughts and personalities.

汉字的数量相当多, 据统计,
目前常用的汉字有两千五百多个,
因此中国的学生学习读书写字
要用很长的时间。除此之外汉
字笔划很多, 有时超过二三十笔,
书写麻烦。为此, 大陆从五十年代
起推行简体字。大陆的出版物都
使用简体字, 然而台湾仍然使用
繁体字

此外, 为推广普
已制订汉语
使用三十年
以及国语
目前这种情
的外国人造



Part II

Confucius: Family and Chinese Society

What is education's goal?



孔子

Kong Fū zǐ

Confucius

Study for higher status

--- Learning Goal is to be a
Government Official

U.S. - Critical Thinking

Confucianism

- Education: Confucianism believes that human beings are teachable.
- Family: Confucianism focuses on the family Harmony

Education and Politics Imperial examination

1. The imperial examination was a civil service examination system in Imperial China to select candidates for the state bureaucracy.
2. Although there were imperial exams as early as the Han dynasty, the system became the major path to office only in the mid-Tang dynasty, and remained so until its abolition in 1905.
3. Positive: This common culture helped to unify the empire and the ideal of achievement by merit gave legitimacy to imperial rule.
4. Negative: Since the exams were based on knowledge of the classics and literary style, not technical expertise, successful candidates were generalists who shared a common language and culture.

Traditional Chinese

科舉

Simplified Chinese

科举

Vietnamese name

Vietnamese alphabet

khoa bảng
khoa cử

Hán-Nôm

科榜
科舉

Korean name

Hangul

과거

Hanja

科舉

Japanese name

Hiragana

かきよ

Kyūjitai

科舉

Shinjitai

科举

Daily Class Schedule, First Grade

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00-7:30	Cleaning	Cleaning	Cleaning	Cleaning	Cleaning	Cleaning
7:30-7:45	Self-study	Self-study	Self-study	Self-study	Self-study	Self-study
7:45-8:00	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics	Aerobics
8:00-8:45	Chinese	Math	Chinese	Math	Chinese	Math
8:50-9:35	Math	Chinese	Math	Chinese	Math	Chinese
9:35-9:45	Vision Protection Exercises	Vision Protection Exercises	Vision Protection Exercises	Vision Protection Exercises	Vision Protection Exercises	Vision Protection Exercises
10:00-10:45	PE	Chinese	Chinese	Math	Math	Math
10:50-11:35	Math	Math	Music	PE	Chinese	PE
11:35-13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30-14:15	Math	Drawing Class	Chinese	No class	Chinese	Drawing class
14:25-15:10	PE	PE	PE	No class	PE	PE
15:20-15:50	Cleaning	Cleaning	Cleaning	No class	Cleaning	Cleaning

The class cadre system

- Given authority to control other students
- Causes bully behavior

Teaching Method

- Teacher-centered, Exam-centered, Students are listeners.
- Parents' Roles: Authority and Tiger Mom

- Chinese students spend a lot more time in textbooks compared to American students
- China: College Test, Two days, One time per year

Chinese Educational Backgrounds (1)

- Elementary School: 6 years
- Junior High: 3 year
- High school is 3 years.

- Class size: 42 ~ 50

Chinese Educational Backgrounds (2)

High Schools in China

In school they memorized and Recited Confucian philosophy

- After they complete senior middle school they have to take a College Test



Chinese Educational Backgrounds (3)

- Study focus is CCT (Chinese College Test).
Whole city uses the same test to determine the high test.
- If the test score is below the line, students must pay a high price.

Relationship

- Networking/relationship/ Guan xi : 关系
- China: Values the kinship.
 - In China it's difficult to find opportunity.
- U.S.: Values friendship.
 - Obama and Arne Duncan (Friends in Chicago and Basketball).



Comparison and Saving Face?

-- Comparison for saving face value.

- Compare brothers and sisters
- Asian students accept the American way to not compare each other in public. They don't like to compare with others
- **US teachers** praise students a lot. "I know you can do better" "I am disappointed in you"
- **Chinese teachers** criticize "You are not smart" "your test scores are the worst in the class".

--- Chinese teach thought that if teacher praise too much the students could not figure out their weaknesses and become arrogant.

Punishment Vs. Encouragement ?

- U.S.: Grounded.
- China: Take away that you already have.
- U.S.: Should be nice and receive a award. Students only give punishment if they are very disruptive.
- China: Beating kids is not abuse in China, no legal protection.
No punishment how to get your kids to have good behavior?





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Part III

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What to do in Beijing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mptgibtMcTc>

The Great Wall

长城 (chángchéng)

- The New Seven Wonders of the World
世界新七大奇迹 (Shì jiè xīn qī dà qí jī)
- The World Cultural Heritage List in 1987
- Rises and falls with the contours of the mountains spanning westwards
- Crossing nine provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions over 6,700 kilometers (4163.19 miles)
- Comprises walls, passes, watchtowers, castles and fortresses





Two Students' Cultural Samples

- **#1 Cheng Du**
- **#2 Taiwan**

THANK YOU

Questions and Discussions

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