

## Defining Chinese Culture In-Class 5 Paragraph Essay

*What is Chinese culture, and how is it informed by Chinese history?*

Use what you learned about ancient and modern China to describe Chinese culture, how history influenced it, and how it has changed.

**A FIRST DRAFT MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE END OF CLASS FOR A GRADE.**

In class, you will use your notes to help you write an essay about the following points:

\_\_\_ **1: Introduction (explain culture & Chinese culture)**

- Include a definition of culture (think about the Global Awareness Unit).
- Include a thesis statement (main argument) that talks about Chinese culture and what you'll talk about in this essay.

\_\_\_ **2: Modern Culture (describe modern Chinese culture)**

- Have a topic sentence to introduce the idea of the paragraph.
- Include examples of modern Chinese culture with explanations of how they demonstrate what culture is.

\_\_\_ **3: History (explain how history influenced culture)**

- Have a topic sentence to introduce the idea of the paragraph.
- Include examples that connect aspects of modern culture to their roots in Chinese history.

\_\_\_ **4: Changes (explain changes in Chinese culture)**

- Have a topic sentence to introduce the idea of the paragraph.
- Include examples that compare modern and ancient China.

\_\_\_ **Conclusion (summary of culture, history, and change)**

You will be graded based on the rubric on the opposite side.

**Please rank (circle) your own essay in each of these areas. →**

Content	2	4	6	8	10
*Content is worth twice as much (out of 10 points).	-Incomplete -Off Topic	- Only some points - No examples	-Has at least 3 points -At least 1 example of each	- Has all points -At least 1 example of each	-Has all points -Gives multiple examples -Connects ideas
Writing	1	2	3	4	5
	- Only lists or describes ideas - No connections	- Only explains some ideas - No connections	-Explains all ideas -No connections	-Explains all ideas -Draws connections between ideas/ themes	-Fully explains all ideas -Clearly connects ideas -Transitions between ideas
Organization	1	2	3	4	5
	-Title & Name -No thesis -No topic sentences	-Title & Name -No thesis -Minimal topic sentences	-Title & Name -Vague thesis -Most topic sentences	-Title & Name -Clear thesis -Most topic sentences	-Title & Name -Clear thesis -All topic sentences
Class Notes	0 – not included				5 - included

**Final Grade: \_\_\_\_/25**

**SUBMIT A FIRST DRAFT TO MISS YOUNG BY THE END OF CLASS. A FINAL DRAFT IS DUE ON FRIDAY.**