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教育界有一个普遍共识:学习能力的欠缺从本质上是阅读能力的滞后。阅读是学生进一步掌握知识、养成能力的阶梯,在阅读能力欠缺的情况下,新的知识就无从进入学习者的大脑,更无法生成更高层次的知识,也就无从提高能力。同时,阅读又是所有人类活动中最能贴近心灵、激发愉悦的一种。真正的阅读,应该是优雅的;而真正值得阅读的,除了经典,还是经典。

基于此,我们与中国人民大学出版社外语分社几经磋商,又经过与众多位志同道合的同仁的多次研讨,就有了"常春藤英语系列"这一套英语泛读教材的诞生。我们从浩瀚的英语文选中,挑出适合不同阶段中学生阅读的内容。这是一项庞大的工程,十几个月的时间里我们读遍了英国、美国、加拿大、澳大利亚的语文教材,那些文字大多是英语国家百年传承的经典。置身其中,我们犹如同一个个鲜活的人物和场景对话,每每为他们的所思所想所感所为所处而感动、而思考;每当痛下决心不得不舍弃某一经典文篇的时候,我们总会拷问自己竟然如此残忍!

结合国情、学情,我们将优中选优的"幸存者",依据英语课程标准分配到了不同等级的册子里。为了帮助读者消化这些经典,我们又针对中考改革和高考改革的最新精神,根据多年的教学研究经验,我们以北京、重庆两大都市名校名师的视角,在这套书中设计了不同层次的学习任务。这些任务都具有很强的实效性、操作性和通用性,既便于教师在课堂上实施,又便于学生课下自我检测。这些任务包括:

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任务一,"How well did you read?"旨在辅助读者理解文章、自我评估和调控,或者试图将读者对文章的理解提高到较高的层次。

任务二,"Read for words"。我们对照新课标词汇表,针对重点词汇设计了配套练习——我们相信,这种在语境中进行的练习,会帮助读者更有效地扩大词汇量。

任务三,"Writing practice"。不是每一篇选文后面都设计了这一任务。这一任务采用了两种形式:一种是 Summary writing,希望借此加强读者对文章的记忆并加厚读者的写作功底;另一种是开放的 Questions,意在通过此种形式的写作推动读者的思维,引导读者去思考深层次的问题。

所有与我一起甄选文章、设计任务的老师均来自北京市重点中学或者著名学校和四川外国语大学附属外国语学校(重庆外国语学校),他们都在三尺讲坛上耕耘多年,对于师生的需求有最直接的发言权,对于中学生的英语学习问题有最直观的了解和感受。他们白天保质上课,晚上熬夜选文、精心构思设计。因为他们深知,今日所做,正是为了成就一批又一批的优秀读者。

我们的团队——这些名校教师们日夜辛苦那么久,唯一的目的在于:期望我们的学生——认识的,不认识的,均能从这套书中受益;希望我们的中学英语学习资源里,有更多更好的经典;希望更多的人,能够静下心来,真正品一品英语的芳香。对于我个人而言,还有一个小小的私心:为我今年正在人大附中七年级读书的女儿聂子健编写一套对得起她的阅读教材,作为爸爸送给她的礼物,伴随她从初一到高三——我对她的最高期许,就是希望她成为一个爱读书的人、一个身心健康的人。

《论语》说:"天下之无道也久矣,天将以夫子为木铎。"夫子的时代远去了,但是我们依然需要木铎,不时地在我们身边响起,提醒我们,应该通过阅读经典来与自己的心灵对话。

我们不敢妄自尊大,将我们的这套书称为"木铎",但是,至少,如果您真的选择了它,偶尔的木铎金声,您是可以听到的。

木铎声声, 其音悠悠, 其韵绵长。绝恶于未萌, 起敬于微渺, 不经意间, 我们的未来, 也许就已经改变。

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编辑心语



阅读是人生进步的阶梯,知识是文明进化的尺度。

《义务教育英语课程标准》和《普通高中英语课程标准》明确规定,中学生的阅读量为:三级,4万词以上;四级,10万词以上;五级,15万词以上;六级,18万词以上;七级,23万词以上;八级,30万词以上。

我们深感广大的中学生缺少严格按照上述标准编写、内容精到经典的英语泛读教材。经过与北京市海淀区教师进修学校中学英语教研员聂成军先生以及海淀区主要名校(中国人民大学附属中学、北京大学附属中学、清华大学附属中学、北京市十一学校、北京市 101 中学、首都师范大学附属中学、北京市八一中学、北京市第二十中学、北京市第十九中学、北京师范大学第三附属中学、中国地质大学附属中学、北京市知春里中学等)、北京师范大学良乡附属中学和四川外国语大学附属外国语学校(重庆外国语学校)部分一线骨干教师反复研讨,我们确定并精心编写了这套"常春藤英语系列"教材,共16 册:

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常春藤英语 四级•上	常春藤英语 四级•下
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常春藤英语 八级•四

这套教材,立足于公认的教育理论,依赖于权威的编写团队,取材于以英美为主的国家经典的语文教材,设计有实用精到的练习,精选部分适合诵读的课文配置了地道的英语录音(可登录中国人民大学出版社外语分社网站www.crup.com.cn/wy进行下载),顺应中、高考改革的趋势,是我国第一套严格按照《义务教育英语课程标准》和《普通高中英语课程标准》而精心打造的英语泛读教材。

感谢这套教材的总主编和所有编委会成员。

书如其名, 我们相信这套教材值得拥有, 相信其生命之树常青常绿。

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本册是按照《普通高中英语课程标准》7级要求编写的,适合高二年级学生阅读。

本册作者精心收录了刊登在"英国科学研究协会"杂志的文章,其中有知识性很强的 California's Giants、A Lily in the Kitchen、The Salt of Earth、The Miracle of Language,也有让读者感叹的创意之作 She Plays Music For Plants、The Truth about Those "Invisible" Ads、Fashions in Food 等,更有人类对太空向往的 Munchausen Visits the Moon、Pioneer in Space、We'll Never Conquer Space 等。

其次,本册还收录了美国著名作家 Ralph Moody 的 Riding the Blue Colt 等经典文学作品,以及美国经济学者 Robert L. Heilbroner 的 Is Your Judgment Warped?

另外,本册还突出了实用的特点。为了帮助读者轻松阅读,本书还对重点词 汇进行释义,对故事主干进行阅读理解的提示,还通过问题形式促进写作水平的 提高。

总之,本册收录的有能够震撼心灵的故事,有令人怦然心动的小说,有太空 探险的难忘回忆,也有领略世界奇迹、了解科学知识的探秘,更有关于如何克服 困难的人生哲理。我相信,读者通过阅读本书选取的经典文章定能与作者产生共

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鸣,对人生充满深刻感悟。更重要的是,从此,你一定能得到使你受益终生的快乐阅读的体验!

为方便教师教学和学生阅读,本书精选 15 篇适合诵读的经典文章提供录音,读者可登录中国人民大学出版社外语分社主页 www.crup.com.cn/wy 进行下载。此外,为给学生提供更多的学习方便,本书还特别申请了答疑邮箱,读者可以通过以下邮箱与主编取得联系并提出疑问: cctyyz@126.com, cctyy_7_2@126.com, chengzsh@crup.com.cn。

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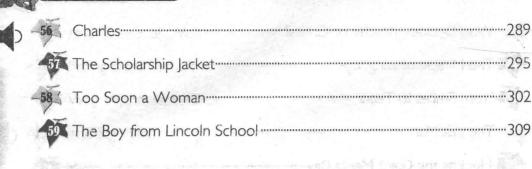
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Lesson



His Best Friend on the Range

Today the cowboy seems to be giving up wearing the bandanna handkerchief. Perhaps he thinks it makes him look too much like a movie cowboy. Maybe he has found something more useful to take its place. But not long ago, he felt that it was almost as necessary a part of his <u>outfit</u> as a rope. And it had almost as many different uses. He could not get along without it.

Though called a handkerchief, a bandanna was not what we usually think of when we use the word. It was a large, bright square of cloth, made either of cotton or of silk. A silk one was <u>prized</u> above one made of cotton. The bandanna had a solid-color background and was printed with small <u>figures</u> of some sort. The most common color was red, but some bandannas were blue, and some black.

When the cowboy got up in the morning, the first thing he did was to go down to the water hole and wash his face. He used his bandanna for a towel, and then, though it might be wet, tied it around his neck, letting the fold hang down in front so that it looked like a necktie. Dressed in this way, he looked quite neat at breakfast.

One of a cowboy's jobs was to rope broncos. After he had roped out his bronc and tried to bridle[®] him, he probably found that the horse had to be blindfolded before he could do anything with it. The bandanna was what he used for a blindfold. When he had mounted[®], he took the blindfold[®] off the horse and put it again around his own neck.

Perhaps he rode only a short way before he saw a calf[®] that should be branded. Then, in order to keep the calf from kicking, he had to tie its legs together. For this he needed a short piece of rope called a pigging string[®]. If he did not have one handy, he could always use his bandanna. He tied the calf's legs together with the bandanna and so kept it still while he branded it.

In the summer out on the range the cowboy wore his bandanna to protect himself



from the sun. If he was riding away from the sun, he tied it so that it covered the back of his neck. If he was riding toward the sun, he made his bandanna into a half mask. He tied it so that the fold would hang over his cheeks, his nose, and his mouth. If his business was with a dust-raising herd of cattle, he tied the bandanna in the same way. Then it prevented him from breathing in the dust they raised. In blizzard weather the bandanna kept the cold from his face and ears.

The cowboy spent long hours in the cattle pens. The work there had to be done swiftly, without stopping. Sometimes sweat poured down his face and into his eyes, blinding him. Then, without losing time, he could grab a fold of the bandanna loosely hung around his neck and wipe away the sweat.

Marty, a cowboy, used his bandanna to strain[®] his drinking water. If the water was muddy or dirty, he spread his bandanna over it and drank through it. The bandanna may have been dirty too, but it was by far the cleanest thing he had. He made a habit of washing it in every water hole he came to. He would let it dry as he rode along, holding it in his hand or spread over the top of his hat. Or, if the day was hot, he wore the wet cloth under his hat to keep his head cool.

The bandanna might also be used as a cup towel or drying rag to wipe dishes with. At other times it was used for signaling, or to tie down a cowboy's hat when he rode in the face of a windstorm. Occasionally the bandanna made a good sling for a broken arm or a quick bandage for a wound. It was even used, if the need should arise, as a rope to hang a man with.

Early Irish settlers on the Nueces River in southern Texas believed that a drowned man could be found with a bandanna he had worn. They would throw the bandanna into the river where the man had drowned. They thought that it would float until it came over the body. Then it would sink, marking the spot. And many a cowboy has been buried out on the lonely plains with a clean bandanna spread over his face to keep off the dirt.

Because it was so important in life in the Old West; the bandanna deserves to be called "the flag of the range country."

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