

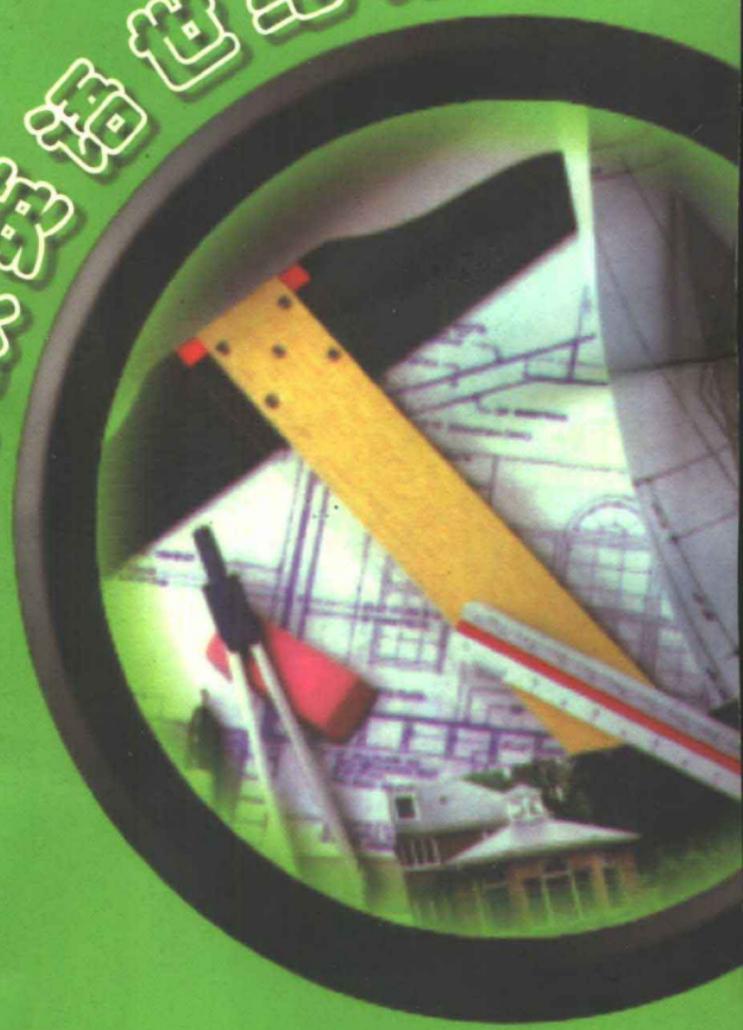
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## 前　　言

当今,民族文化与世界文化正日趋相互融合,英语已成为人们交流信息与情感的重要工具,并在一定程度上促成了整个人类文明的有机统一。因此,无论是在交通方式日益改进的今天,还是在信息技术高速发展的未来,英语无疑将具有越来越重要的作用。

正是基于这样的认识,我们编写了这套《阶跃英语世纪行》丛书,作为新世纪的礼物奉献给中国广大的英语爱好者和学习者。这套丛书是编者精心设计和编写的结晶,它摒弃了以往单纯的英语学习模式,更加突出了文化氛围。从留学异域的校园文化,到世界各地的民土风情;从异彩纷呈的影视精典,到各领风骚的风云人物,从应接不暇的崭新科技,到视角犀利的时事点评,丛书蕴涵了知识性、趣味性和实用性的多层意义。因而,无论对希望提高词汇量的学习者,还是对希望扩展知识面的读者,丛书都能够提供有效的帮助。同时,丛书特别强调了实用性特点,在以实用应用文和对话为主的《交际版》中提供给读者可以借鉴和参考的许多范例,而在《求学版》中更

为希望到他国著名大学进一步深造的读者介绍了部分院校的翔实状况。

值得一提的是,编者在文章的选取和编写上力求保持语言的地道和内容的新颖,并对阅读时具有一定难度的词汇给出了较为详尽的注释,以从各个角度为读者使用本书给予最直接的帮助。全书由清华大学张连栋主编,杨涛、丁鹏、舒雯、王敏、宋莉莉、李莉蓉等参与了本书的编写工作。由于时间仓促,疏漏之处在所难免,恳请读者予以指正。同时,编者也衷心希望丛书的出版可以为国内英语学习的普及和水平的提高尽到力量。

最后,编者感谢新时代出版社各位编辑对于本丛书的出版所给予的大力支持和精心指导,他们严谨的治学态度和为读者负责的敬业精神使我们受益匪浅。在此,谨向他们致以崇高的敬意和诚挚的感谢!

编 者  
2000年2月

## 内 容 简 介

本书精选世界著名学府 25 所,采取一篇一校的形式,力求全面、深入地介绍所选学府的历史、现状、传统、特色及其在治学、育人等方面成就和经验,特别介绍了各校为适应未来信息化社会的需要,在院系设置、教学手段、校内外横向联系诸方面的创新与探索,以及学生校园生活、艺术、体育等方方面面。

本书实用性、知识性与可读性并重,图文并貌,雅俗共赏,既可帮助读者提高英语阅读水平,掌握地道英语,也可帮助读者开阔视野,扩大交流。同时,本书对于想出国深造的学生也有一定的参考价值。

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Harvard University

哈佛大学



哈佛大学是美国著名的“常春藤联盟大学”(Ivy<sup>(1)</sup> League)的首领。所谓常春藤联盟，是美国东北部 8 所历史上最悠久的名牌大学，因校园内建筑物的墙上爬满了常春藤，故而得名。这 8 所大学是：哈佛、耶鲁、普林斯顿、哥伦比亚、布朗、达特默思、宾夕法尼亚和康乃尔。300 多年来，哈佛大学为美国培养了无数的政治家、科学家、作家、学者，成为美国甚至世界最著名的大学之一。

Harvard University, which celebrated its 350th anniversary in 1986, is the oldest institution of higher

learning in the United States. Founded 16 years after the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, the University has grown from nine students with a single Master to an enrollment of more than 18,000 degree candidates<sup>(2)</sup>, including undergraduates and students in 10 graduate and professional schools. An additional 13,000 students are enrolled in one or more courses in the Harvard Extension School. Over 14,000 people work at Harvard, including more than 2,000 faculty.

### Landmarks at Harvard

Harvard University is home to many superior examples of American architecture.

Historic landmarks fill the Old Yard. The oldest standing Harvard building — **Massachusetts Hall** — was built in 1720, and, during the Revolutionary War, sheltered soldiers of the Continental Army. Today the President of the University, vice presidents, and other officers are housed on the first two floors; the upper floors serve as living space for freshmen.



The **John Harvard Statue**, located in front of University Hall was cast in 1884 by Daniel Chester French and is known as “The Statue of Three Lies”. Although the inscription reads “John Harvard, Founder, 1638”, none of these three statements is true. The seated figure is not really John Harvard, since no authentic pictures of Mr. Harvard existed; John Harvard was not the founder of Harvard College; and the College was founded in 1636. The statue is an immensely popular draw for tourists, and thousands of visitors a year rub John Harvard’s shoe for luck.

The principle behind Harvard’s planning is that it is **better** to adapt and restore what already exists than to build new buildings on precious open space. The strategy has worked well. Harvard College has built less in the past 15 years than at any period since the mid-19th century, and the buildings are in better condition than they have been for decades.

### Largest Academic Library in the World

Founded in 1638, the Harvard University Library is the oldest library in the United States and the largest academic library in the world. The collections, housed in more than 90 libraries, contain nearly 13 million volumes as well as manuscripts, microforms, maps, photographs, databases, and other materials. Most of these are in Cambridge and Boston. Other locations include Washington, D.C., and Florence, Italy.