

STEP UP to AP®

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BOOK DESCRIPTION:

Step Up to AP®: Chinese Language, Culture, and Society is an all-new advanced Chinese program designed for high school students taking the AP® Chinese Language and Culture course.

Using the current developmental trends of contemporary China as its focal point, Step Up to AP® situates China in the context of increasing globalization to help students understand the interactions and relations between China and the world. Students will engage in a wide range of topics and gain knowledge of China's role in important areas such as technology, economics, trade and business, climate change and green energy, literature and the arts, as well as the film industry. They will also learn about various aspects of contemporary Chinese society, including travel and transportation, urban and rural development, population and community, geography and ethnic diversity, endangered animals and wildlife conservation, health and wellness, sports and leisure, and science and technology. Through these topics, students will develop an awareness and appreciation of Chinese culture and society, in addition to gaining and enhancing their Chinese language proficiency.

This program covers one year of instruction and consists of a Textbook and a Workbook with a companion website. The Textbook offers nine units which engage students in an exploration of Chinese culture and society in both contemporary and historical contexts. Each unit helps students deepen their understanding of Chinese cultural products, practices, and perspectives, and enhances their intercultural communicative competence. The Workbook features a wide variety of exercises to help students develop all four language skills across the three communicative modes (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational). Many of the questions are modeled after the AP® Chinese exam format to train students to be exam-ready. Also included in the Workbook are two full-length AP® practice exams. The companion website hosts a range of resources to meet the needs of instructors and students, including audio files, answer key, and teaching suggestions.

《攀登》是一套针对美国AP®中国语言和文化课程及考试编写的全新中级中文教材。教材内容放眼世界、聚焦中国,从世界热点带领学生关注、了解中国与世界的联系与互动。课本以美国两名高中生为主角,借由他们到中国参加海外留学与实习时所接触的人事物,探究中国社会与问题;课本以故事为主轴,由高中生的视角切入,增强教材的亲切感与感染力。

产品配套包括课本、练习册以及专门的网站。课本共有9个单元,供一学年使用。每个单元各以三篇文章为主,每篇文章以情景对话形式介绍相关课题,并含有语言学习点以及相关的句型与词汇练习。练习册紧扣课本主题和语言点,通过AP®中文模拟试题和多样化的练习,充分训练听说读写四大技能,注重沟通交际。练习册还包括两份完整的AP®中文模拟考卷,作为期中和期末复习。书里的录音部分可以上学习网站下载录音(mp3)。网站提供教师手册、录音文件和答案。

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KEY FEATURES:

- Using topics such as Urban and Rural Development and China's Economy to give students a feel of the pulse of a constantly changing contemporary China
- Focusing on vocabulary associated with life in the contemporary world to enable students to widen their horizons while gaining an appreciation of the Chinese culture
- Showcasing interesting cultural aspects of the Chinese society to allow students to have a deeper understanding of the Chinese culture
- Building students' vocabulary through additional exercises on the new words and phrases learned in each unit
- Developing reading comprehension skills through reading passages and open-ended questions
- Offering tasks and exercises modelled closely after the test of the AP® Chinese Examination to train students to be exam-ready

主要特点:

- 通过各主题如"城乡发展"与"中国的经济发展",反映转变中的当代中国,让学生感触时代脉搏。
- 在语言学习方面,以跟现代生活息息相关的词汇作为侧重点之一,让学生在了解传统文化的基础上,吸收新知、拓宽视野。
- 各单元附加与主题相关的文化知识,加深学生对中国文化的了解。
- 对课文词汇进行拓展,丰富学生的词汇量。
- 各单元提供一篇与课文内容相近的文章,让学生自行阅读,测试阅读理解能力。
- 紧扣并模拟 AP® 中文考试的写作项目,通过作答分析与指导,具体强化学生的应考能力。

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