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Abstract

The 2010 Madarin Chinese Speech Content will feature students from Dr. Zhen Ruan and Dr. Sharon Wei's classes. Topics will include explanations on why the students are taking the course and descriptions of their instructor. Presenters include: Samantha Lee, Rachel Likins, Maggie Ooi, Melissa Long, Huiying Wu, Casey Montgomery, Janos Cserna, Karina Bashir, Gib Birdsong, Paris Gaudin, Nicole Grey, Carli Visser, Aubrey Brinton, and Adam Keener.

Forgetting My First Language

Team Members: Samantha Lee

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Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Zhen Ruan

I was born in South San Francisco, where we lived in Chinatown. Mandarin Chinese was my first language; but as I spend most of my childhood in California, I forgot my knowledge of writing it and speaking fluently. Now, at Boise State University, I'm studying Mandarin Chinese because I feel it's really important to be fluent in one's native language.

A Students Perspective My Chinese Instructor Zhen Ruan

Team Members: Rachel Likins

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Zhen Ruan

Performing a speech in Mandarin Chinese. The subject of this piece will be my Chinese instructor and my opinion on the class. I will be using the assistance of a Chinese tutor to create this speech.

My Chinese Teacher

Team Members: Maggie Ooi

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Zhen Ruan

I will read a short essay about my Chinese teacher and influences.

First Steps of Chinese

Team Members: Melissa Long

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Zhen Ruan

The 2009-2010 school year was my first taste of the Chinese language. I have wanted to take a foreign language class for some time, and there seemed to be a lot of interesting aspects to the Chinese culture. My goal was to be able to recognize the different tones when the language was spoken while being proficient in the written component of it. My teacher helped out a lot, but it was still a lot of work with more than one set back. Ultimately, I hope to come out of this class with a solid foundation that I will be able to build upon.

Why do I want to study the Chinese language?

Team Members: Huiying Wu

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Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

(This is an oral speech spoken in only Mandarin Chinese) Hello everyone, my name is Huiying Wu. I'm in Dr. Sharon Wei's Chinese 202 class. A person asked me why I want to speak Chinese and I told them it was because I grew up in America, so I don't know how to speak Chinese. I want to learn to speak Chinese and to learn about the Chinese culture as well. I also want to be able to speak to my Chinese friends in college. I think that learning is also fun. I am meeting a lot of new friends and am happy to be in Dr. Wei's class.

Our Chinese Teacher

Team Members: Casey Montgomery

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

My essay will be about my Chinese teacher, Sharon Wei. I will talk about how she teaches. How good of a teacher she is. What kind of homework she gives us in order to practice our Chinese language skills. Where she comes from and how good she sings for the class.

Our Chinese Teacher

Team Members: Janos Cserna

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

My essay will be about Sharon Wei. Where she comes from. That she is a good teacher. The amount of homework she has us do to practice Chinese. As well as how she sings for us in class.

Why I Study Chinese

Team Members: Karina Bashir

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

I will talk about why I chose to learn the Chinese language and my experience learning it. I will explain how much I enjoy learning it, but also how difficult it can be. In addition, I will describe what my Chinese class is like. Finally, I will discuss how I plan to continue my studies of Chinese and what I plan to do with my language skills in the future.

"Our Chinese Teacher"

Team Members: Gib Birdsong

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

Mandarin speech competition. Small presentation about our Chinese Teacher.

Why I am studying Chinese

Team Members: Paris Gaudin

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

I will be discussing the reasons for which I am studying Chinese. I am studying Chinese as an International Business student. I have always been very interested in Chinese culture and language. I enjoy my class at Boise State with my teacher Sharon Wei.

Our Chinese Teacher

Team Members: Nicole Grey

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

The purpose of the presentation is to give an oral presentation in Mandarin Chinese discussing our Chinese teacher. I will discuss several different aspects of our professor Sharon Wei including but not limited to her personality attributes and teaching style.

Wo weishenme xue Zhongwen / Why I Study Chinese

Team Members: Carli Visser

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

The population of China is continually growing. At least 1.3 billion people are currently residents of this vast and beautiful land. Although China has an extensive history and many customs still in practice today, China is a changing land. I have chosen to learn the Chinese language so that I may have the opportunity to take part in the amazing and drastic changes this ancient country is facing. I would like to present a short overview of this decision while speaking in Chinese.

Women De Zhongwen Laoshi.

Team Members: Aubrey Brinton

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

My speech is about my Chinese teacher, Book Laoshi. I will describe my memories and experiences in Mandarin Chinese.

Our Chinese Teacher

Team Members: Adam Keener

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sharon Wei

I will be talking about why I believe Wei Laoshi is a great teacher. This will include information on her background and her teaching style. Presentation will include, but not be limited to her background, dedication, teaching styles and the impact her teaching has had on my educational career.