Introduction

a. What am I going to talk about?
中国是有着五千年历史和文明的国家。我今天想介绍中国一种著名艺术，这种艺术就是书法。我想和大家谈谈XX为什么很重要，XX有什么特点，有什么样的意义。
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b. State the English meaning of the topic if you are not that confident about your pronunciation.
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Body

a. Describe in detail the features of the topic.
我特别喜欢看各种各样的书法作品，就像黑白画一样。书法有不同的字体，行体啊，楷体啊，草体啊什么的。书法用的是文房四宝，即笔、墨、纸、砚。
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b. Share the global significance of the topic.

In China:
在中国，很多人都会谈论书法，几乎每个城市都有书法博物馆。
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In the United States or in the world:
我认识的美国朋友还收藏了很多书法作品，看起来书法不但在中国很有名，而且在美国也有不少人喜欢。
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Compare:
书法在中国的地位就像油画在美国一样，具有价值和重要意义。书法是中国文化不可缺少的部分。
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c. Share personal experience with the topic.

Merits:
我觉得国画不但好看，而且画国画对我们的身体和心理都有好处。第一，绘画对身心有好处，因为是全身运动，可以锻炼全身；第二，这对我们的心理也有好处，因为我全神贯注地画，时间过得很快，什么烦恼都没有了。
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Experience:
我从初中开始练习书法，参加了许多书法比赛，认识了许多热爱书法的朋友。
（我從初中開始練習書法，參加了許多書法比賽，認識了許多熱愛書法的朋友。）

Ending

a. Seeing is believing.
说实在的，我一直想再去中国旅游，找个机会亲自去书法博物馆看一看，
欣赏一下那些传说中的名家名作，肯定很值得。
（說實在的，我一直想再去中國旅遊，找個機會親自去書法博物館看一看，
欣賞一下那些傳說中的名家名作，肯定很值得。）

b. My goal for promoting this Chinese cultural practice or product.
我希望继续练习书法，将这种中国文化发扬光大。
（我希望繼續練習書法，將這種中國文化發揚光大。）

Building Your Knowledge of Chinese Culture
Learning from others is the key to success in a cultural presentation. Try to discuss different cultural topics with Chinese native speakers. Record their answers and imitate. Analyze their answers and gradually add useful expressions from native speakers in order to develop your own structure or template. The more topics you practice and the more detail you prepare, the better you'll develop the required knowledge and skills to apply to your real exam.

Besides recording and imitating how native Chinese speakers talk about their culture, listen to the model presentations for the cultural presentation task in previous years' AP exams. Analyze these presentations and note their strengths in order to improve your own presentation. Here are the topics for the cultural presentation that have appeared on previous AP exams:

2007: One Chinese social custom
2008: One city in mainland China or Taiwan
2009: One Chinese art
2010: One Chinese celebrity
2011: One Chinese leisure activity
2012: One traditional Chinese concept or value
2013: One Chinese regional cuisine

You should practice these topics and analyze the model answers that the College Board has released. These are available at http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/members/exam/exam_information/157009.html.

After developing your presentational skills and deepening your knowledge of Chinese culture by analyzing and imitating the model answers on the College Board's website, prepare presentations for the following topics. You should research each topic, taking notes on the cultural practice/product and its objective and subject significance. Use your template to create your cultural presentation; practice adapting the template for each topic.

1. One Chinese movie
2. One Chinese cultural sport (Tai Chi, Qi Gong, yo-yo, etc.)
3. One Chinese idiom or proverb
4. One Chinese taboo topic
5. One ancient Chinese invention
6. One famous person in ancient China
7. One traditional Chinese holiday
AP CHINESE CULTURAL PRESENTATION PROMPTS

1. Chinese is a unique language. Choose one characteristic of Chinese characters to present. In your presentation, describe why this aspect of Chinese characters is significant.

2. There are many Chinese martial arts. Choose one art you know (Qigong, Taijiquan, Shaolin Kung Fu, etc.) and describe the particular demographic that is associated with this sport, and any other necessary details, in your presentation.

3. There are many Chinese Idioms and proverbs about health. Choose one to present. Describe the meaning of this expression and explain its relevance in a presentation. Explain how it affects people in everyday life.

4. There are many Chinese traditional arts. Choose one (such as Peking opera, crosstalk, lion dance, etc). In your presentation, describe this art and give your own opinion on it.

5. There are many social customs. Choose one aspect (being a guest in someone's home, the use of address terms, small talk, etc.) In your presentation, describe this social custom and give your own opinion on it.

6. There are many Chinese Idioms and proverbs about friendship. Choose one to present. In your presentation, describe the meaning of this expression and explain when this idiom or proverb is applicable. Also explain how this expression has helped you with friends.

7. There are many taboo topics in Chinese social rites. Choose one aspect (colors, entertaining guests, private matters, etc.) to present. Describe this taboo and give your own opinion on it.

8. In China, different colors may be associated with different things or events. In your presentation, choose one color (white, red, black, yellow, etc.), describe what the color represents, and introduce related idioms, proverbs, and symbolism.

9. Food is an important part of Chinese culture. Choose one well-known dish (Beijing duck, boiled dumplings, sweet and sour pork, etc.). In your presentation, describe this dish, including the ingredients, the taste, the history behind it, and any other necessary information. If you have sampled this food before, describe your experience.

10. Chinese food is divided into categories by region and ethnic group. Choose one cuisine (Sichuan cuisine, Shanghai cuisine, Guangdong cuisine, etc.). In your presentation, describe this cuisine, including the ingredients, the tastes, the history behind it, and any other necessary information. If you have sampled this food before, describe your experience.

11. Ancient Chinese architecture established a unique system with highly developed styles. Choose one aspect to present. In your presentation, give a brief history and geography of the architectural work and describe its characteristics. If you have been to the place, please talk about your own experience.

12. Bicycles, as well as motorcycles, are very important for many people in their daily lives. Choose one aspect of this topic to present. In your presentation, discuss why these vehicles are important to people, and also the pros and cons of bicycles and motorcycles versus other transportation methods.