

UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University
Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)
Daily English Practice

Week 10

#196 Li Bai (李白)

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

1. Everyone has heard of the Chinese poet Li Bai. But do you know where he came from?
2. Can you recite one of the poems he wrote?

Vocabulary

- immortal (adj): lasting forever
- memoir (n): a person's account of a famous person, place or event.
- Illusion (n): false image
- graphically (adv): in a clear and lively way
- drunkenness (n): in conditions of getting drunk

PART 2: Article for Reading

Now read the article posted at the following web-site to learn more about the life of the famous Chinese poet of the Tang Dynasty Li Bai:

<http://totallyhistory.com/li-bai/>

Li Bai

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following video posted on YouTube to practise your listening skills and learn more about the topic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzA3EEFC52g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QRwgE7q1yg>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Did you ever wonder what the following meant in the article?

Li Bai often championed drunkenness and glorified it as a lifestyle.

Some students may be misled by the usual meaning of “champion”, thinking that it means at the top of a race. Here used as a verb, the word actually means fighting for a belief or principle. Therefore, we can say the following:

e.g., Napoleon was the champion of liberty and equality.

e.g., Sun Yixian was the champion of Chinese nationalism.

Can you think of a similar way to use the word “champion”? **Send your writing to:** see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give you feedback.