

# To Explore How College English Majors can Effectively Spread the Excellent Traditional Chinese Culture Through the Second Classroom

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**Abstract:** It is necessary to use culture to instruct people, use art to connect the heart, and communicate with the world. This article aims to explore how college English majors can use the Second Classroom to effectively spread excellent traditional culture. The profound Chinese civilization is the unique spiritual symbol of the Chinese nation, the foundation of contemporary Chinese literature and art, and the treasure of literary and artistic innovation. However, at present, English majors are not ideal in teaching excellent traditional culture during their school years, which is far from General Secretary Xi Jinping's ardent expectations for the vast number of young people, telling Chinese stories well, spreading Chinese voices, showing a true, three-dimensional and comprehensive China to the world.

In view of these reasons, the Second Classroom, as an activity platform independently organized and participated by students, is an important way for students to broaden their knowledge, improve their comprehensive quality and carry forward the excellent traditional Chinese culture. English majors can make full use of it to actively participate in traditional cultural activities inside and outside the school, such as celebrating traditional festivals, visiting exhibitions, etc., to spread and publicize the excellent traditional Chinese culture. We should constantly improve our traditional cultural accomplishment and expression ability, and become an excellent representative of spreading excellent traditional Chinese culture.

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## Introduction

General Secretary Xi Jinping once said: "To flow far, must dredge its springs. The fine traditional Chinese culture is the spiritual lifeblood of the Chinese nation, an important source of the cultivation of core socialist values, and a solid foundation for us to stand firm in the world of cultural shocks." As English majors in universities, we cherish the hope of the motherland. It is our bounden responsibility and calling of duty to spread the excellent traditional Chinese culture well in English.

## 1.The significance of college English majors in spreading the excellent traditional Chinese culture

### 1.1The value of disseminating excellent traditional culture

#### 1.1.1Beneficial for enhancing cultural confidence

Spreading the excellent traditional Chinese culture is one of the important tasks that English students in universities should undertake. The fine traditional Chinese culture is an important part of China's long history and culture. Spreading excellent traditional culture can help us better understand and inherit the excellent cultural traditions of the Chinese nation, improve our cultural quality and self-confidence.

#### 1.1.2Beneficial to enhancing the soft power of Chinese culture

Cultural soft power is a strategic focus of China's cultural construction, which is the most important prerequisite for realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. The dissemination of excellent traditional Chinese culture also helps to promote cultural exchange. It not only represents the unique charm of Chinese culture, but also is an important part of the treasure house of human culture.

## 2.College English majors are important to disseminate excellent traditional culture

### 2.1Youth on a mission

Each generation has its own responsibility. As the young people of the new era, standing at the historic juncture of profound changes unseen in a century, it is an urgent issue to make the world listen to China's story and voice. As public opinion in the Western world has

heated up, it is necessary to show a true China so that people around the world can better understand the real China. And the youth, with the hope of China, is a new generation of builders, our mission in the shoulder. We are familiar with the fine traditional Chinese culture and have a good command of the English language. We should transcend the estrangement of civilizations through exchanges, the clash of civilizations through mutual learning, and the superiority of civilizations through coexistence, so as to carry forward the common values of mankind contained in the Chinese civilization.

## **2.2 The love for country**

The significance of college English majors in spreading excellent traditional Chinese culture lies in the realization of cultural diversification and cultural inheritance. When we are determined to concentrate on telling Chinese stories well, we will further and systematically learn the excellent traditional Chinese culture, review the essence of Chinese civilization, review the classic stories, and further enhance our pride and happiness as the Chinese people who have 5,000 years of civilization. The more deeply we interpret the Chinese classics, the stronger our love for country.

## **2.3 Broadening international outlook**

We should actively respond to the call of the Party and the state, and actively cultivate and enhance our international vision from the dimensions of knowledge, ability and quality. Reading classics is the first premise. To pay attention to international affairs, we should have a global perspective. For example, when it comes to China-US relations, we should look at issues dialectically from the dimension of historical development and the trend of future development, and enhance our critical thinking ability. Do voluntary activities to learn to care for others, we should practice the concept of serving the people, learn to care for and help people in need, understand the society, let the social responsibility in the heart and external in action.

## **2.4 Cultivating the team spirit**

The importance of teamwork lies in the fact that the strength of a team is far greater than that of an individual. Team members can contribute, share strengths and timely exchange problems, so as to stimulate the learning motivation of team members and improve the overall ability of the team. In today's society, competition is becoming fiercer and fiercer. Therefore, the importance of team cooperation has become increasingly prominent. Team cooperation is a necessary means to achieve common goals, but also a key factor to improve work efficiency. Each team member has a sense of belonging, which helps to improve the motivation. The ideal state of teamwork is "win-win", we should constantly cultivate our team spirit, improve our comprehensive ability and competitiveness.

# **3. How should college English majors effectively use the Second Classroom to spread excellent traditional culture**

## **3.1 The characteristics of the Second Classroom**

### **3.1.1 Diversity**

The forms of the Second Classroom includes artistic performances, organizing cultural exchanges, designing cultural feasts and so on. They can meet the different needs of students, while also increasing the attraction.

### **3.1.2 Autonomy**

These activities are usually organized and managed by students independently. It can promote the development of students' personality and give them more sense of self-cognition. At the same time, autonomy can also improve students' awareness of innovation, so as to inject more new ideas into the dissemination of excellent traditional culture.

### **3.1.3 Easy to popularize**

These activities are often held inside and outside the school to promote cultural exchange and dissemination. Through the Internet and social media channels, students can conveniently publish activity information, attract more people to participate, and spread excellent traditional Chinese culture to break through the limitations of time and space.

## **4. The role of the Second Classroom in disseminating the excellent traditional Chinese culture**

### **4.1 Further stimulate the motivation of students' professional learning**

Interest for comprehensive quality improvement are the key factors that affect the state of learning and stimulate students' learning motivation. Second Classroom activities can significantly improve students' comprehensive literacy, innovation consciousness and

enhance their understanding of the importance of learning, which has a positive promoting effect on learning motivation. They can cultivate the interests and hobbies of English majors and change our learning attitude.

## **4.2 The Second Classroom is integrated with the first classroom**

With the emergence of the Second Classroom activity recording App, which has functions such as activity release, record review and result evaluation, provides great convenience for the organizer to release activities and students to choose activities independently. But the popularity of App recording software also deepens students' misunderstanding of the Second Classroom: they regard the acquisition of App recording time as the motivation to participate in these activities. At the same time, some teachers also interpret the Second Classroom simply as after-class activities, including sports competitions, voluntary activities, etc. As a result, the educational function of the Second Classroom has been severely narrowed, which greatly damages its rich connotation and leads to further disconnection between the first classroom and the Second Classroom.

## **5. How can college English majors effectively spread excellent traditional culture**

### **5.1 Building a diversified curriculum of Chinese traditional culture**

The school attaches great importance to teaching excellent traditional Chinese culture in English in specialized compulsory courses, filling the gap in students' knowledge of telling Chinese stories in English, and preparing them for professional knowledge in the Second Classroom activities. A special English club should be set up to tell about the excellent traditional Chinese culture, and teachers provide guidance and regular training.

### **5.2 Providing rich cultural activities**

During the practice week, students are asked to visit various famous cultural attractions and write a tourism commentary. Regularly play Chinese traditional cultural movies for students, and require them to conduct dubbing and imitation training; Competitions such as translation of Chinese and English song lyrics and design of campus cultural and creative products are held to stimulate students' innovative thinking and improve their practical abilities.

### **5.3 Using the online platforms to spread excellent Chinese traditional culture**

On short video platforms, release videos in English and 5,000 likes are required to be qualified, so as to arouse students' attention. Strengthen publicity and education through broadcasting, sports meeting, etc., improve students' cohesion, and establish correct cultural awareness; Post the excellent traditional Chinese culture in English on the steps of the school, so that students can feel the charm of the excellent traditional Chinese culture in an immersive way.

### **5.4 Improving the ability of English majors to spread culture**

To include the comprehensive assessment of telling Chinese stories in English, students regularly report their personal achievements to team members; Cultivate students to set up correct values, strengthen cultural quality and cultivate critical thinking ability; Enhance the oral expression ability of English majors, set the training duration and inspect every month with clear rewards and punishments, urge them to pay attention to the improvement of their professional level.

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