

Unit 4

Approaching Classics

How can the pool be so clear and cool?
For fresh water comes from its source.
— Zhu Xi

Getting Started

Answer the questions.

1. What classic work(s) have you read?
2. Would you recommend it/them to your friends? Why or why not?

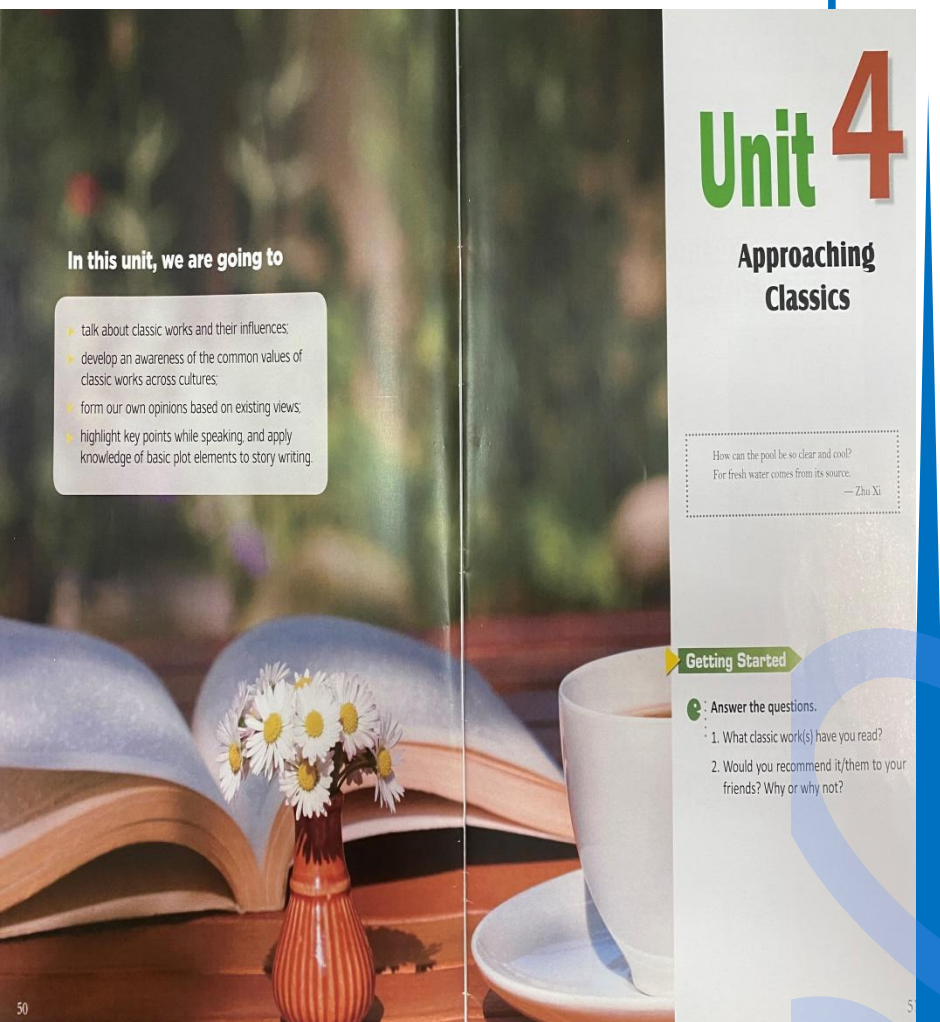
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课时	授课内容
1	Getting Started/ Reading A
1	Reading A/ Vocabulary Focus
1	Reading A/ Grammar in Use
1.5	Listening, Viewing and Speaking
1	Reading B
0.5	Critical Thinking
1	Writing
1	Further Exploration/ Self-assessment

学习目标 Learning Objectives:

At the end of the lesson, you will be able to ...

1. 能利用关键词和大纲，概括听力材料的大意和细节；；

conclude the main idea and supporting details of the listening material with the help of some key words and outline;

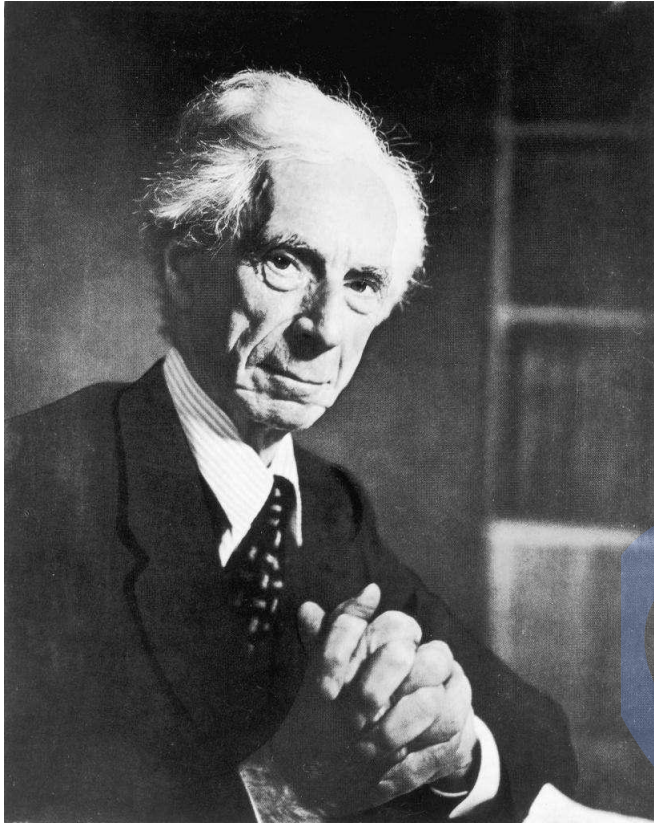
2. 能在看视频时根据人物的表情和行为推断人物的感受；

deduce the characters' feelings through their facial expressions and behaviors while watching the video clip;

3. 能表达对于人生和诗歌的观点，并意识到人生的意义和诗歌的魅力。

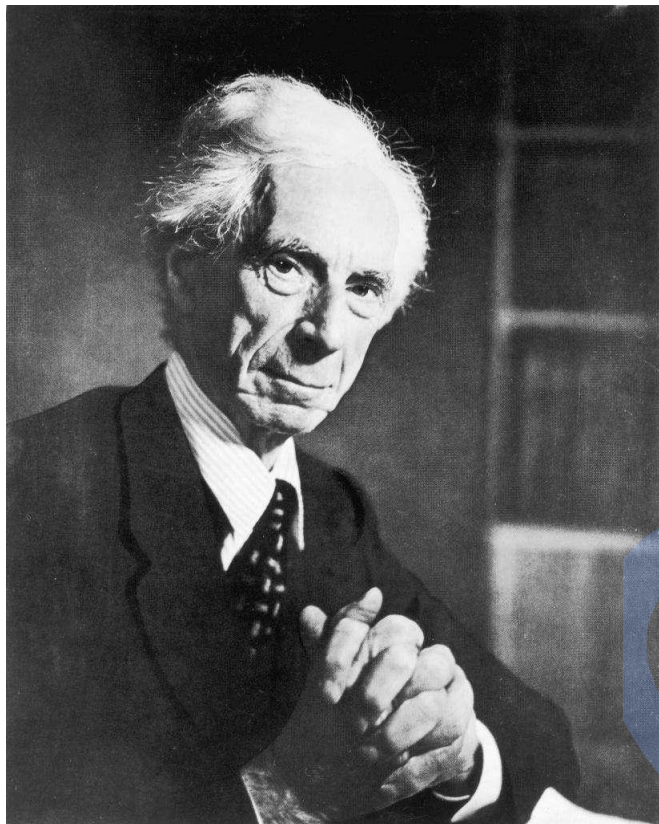
express their own opinions on life and poetry, thus realizing the meaning of life and the charm of poetry.

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)



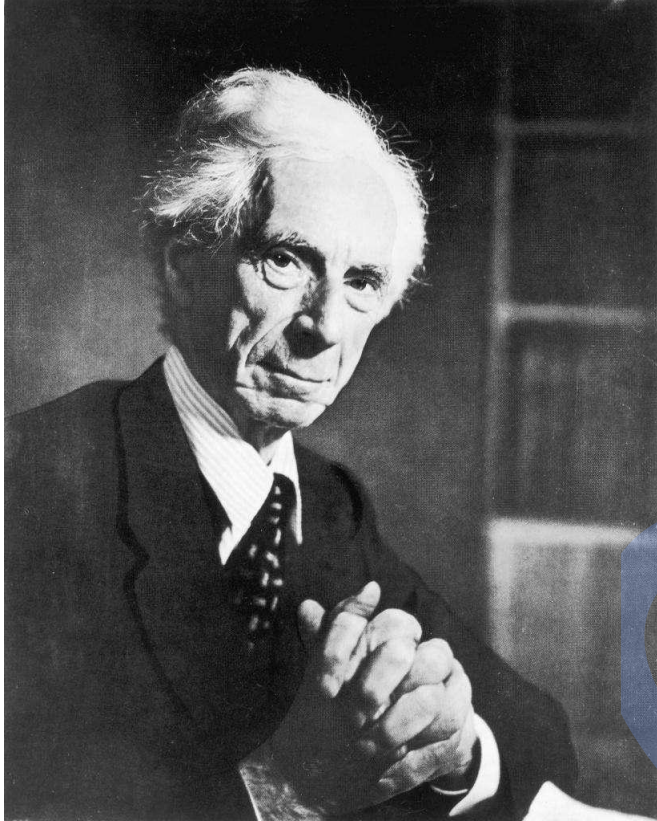
**What do you know about
Bertrand Russell?**

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)



A British philosopher, logician,
mathematician, historian, writer, social
critic, political activist, and Nobel
laureate(得主).

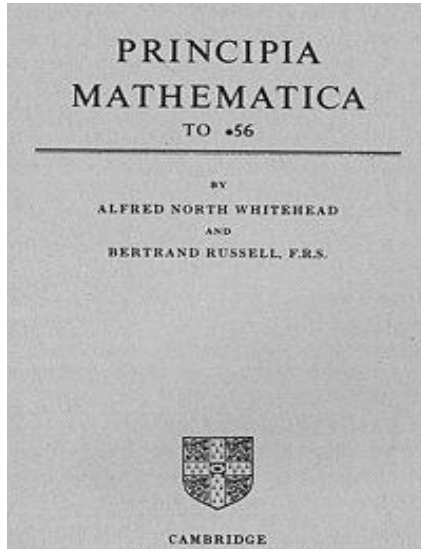
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Have you read or heard of
any of his works?

For Chinese language learners,
Russell is well-known for his works
like "*The Three Passions I Have Lived
for*", "*On Science*", "*On Education*",
etc.

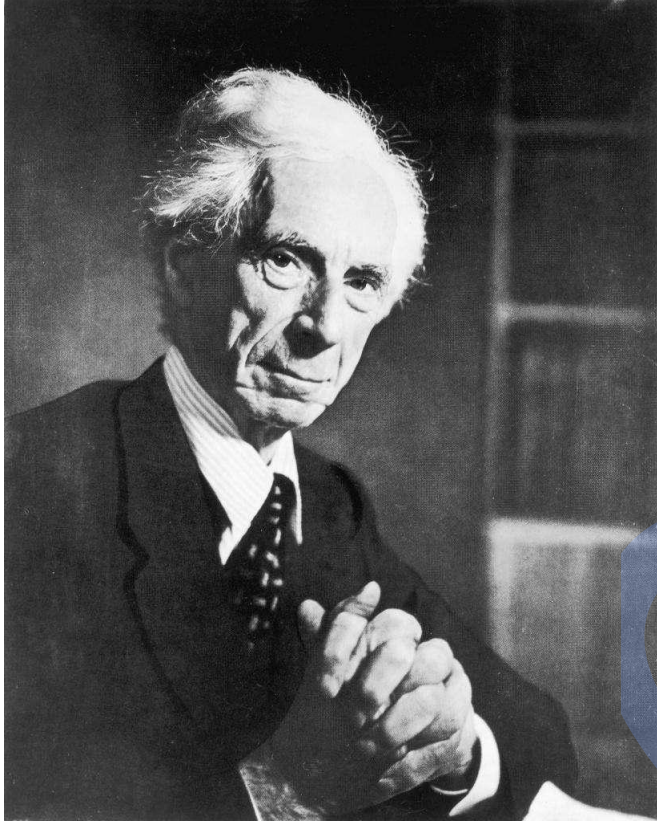
Representative Works



- *Diversity is essential to happiness.*
- *War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*
- *The search for something permanent is one of the deepest of the instincts leading men to philosophy.*

BBC's Interview
with Russell

1959



Bertrand Russell's Message to the Future Generation (Interview)

What are Russell's **two main suggestions** for the future generation?

最后一个问题

One last question... Suppose to that, Russel, this film would to be looked at by our descendants, like a dead sea scroll in a thousand of years time...

2 main suggestions for future generations



For intellectual development, when you are studying any matter, ask yourself only what is the fact and what is the truth behind them. It is advised that we should not be led either by what you wish to believe, or by what you think would have good social effects if it were believed.

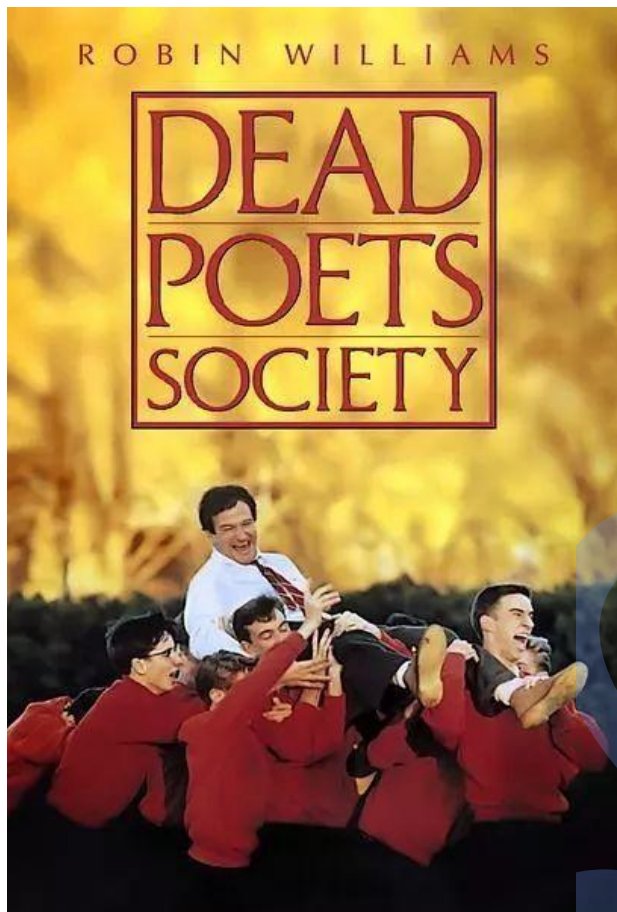
For the moral aspect, love is wise; hatred is foolish. In this world, which is getting more closely and closely interconnected, we have to learn to tolerate each other. ... we must learn a kind of charity and a kind of tolerance which is absolutely vital to the continuation of human life on this planet.

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**What else might be fundamental for
intellectual development?**

Film: Dead
Poets Society

1989



Set at the conservative and aristocratic(贵族的) Welton Academy in the northeast United States in 1959, it tells the story of an English teacher John Keating who inspires his students to look at poetry with a different perspective of authentic knowledge and feelings.



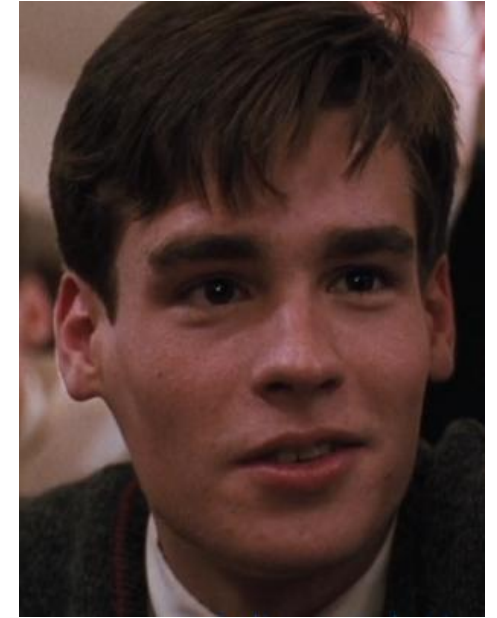


What makes Keating's class different from other ones?

In normal classes, the teachers stand on the platform giving lectures while the students are listening with attention or taking notes.

However, in Mr. Keating's class, everybody is involved in the passion and enthusiasm lightened by him. They are being led to a new land, are being drawn to the beauty of poems and are proud of the mission they have as a member of human beings.

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The students look puzzled, even not interested first. As Mr. Keating talk about how poems could express beauty, romance and love that we are alive for, they started to show understanding and agreement. Their faces are illuminated(照亮); they start smiling or looking serious as if they were thinking about their own verse.



Why poetry matters

	Poetry	Other fields of study
Comparison & contrast	We read and write poetry because we are 1 <u>members</u> of the human race. And the human race is filled with 2 <u>passion</u> .	These (medicine, law, business and engineer) are 3 <u>noble</u> pursuits and necessary to 4 <u>sustain</u> life.
	Poetry, beauty, 5 <u>romance</u> , love, these are what we stay 6 <u>alive</u>	
Quotes (from "O Me! O Life!" by Walt Whitman)	What good amid the 7 <u>endless</u> trains of the faithless, of cities filled with the 8 <u>foolish</u> ?	The answer is that you are here --that life 9 <u>exists</u> and that the 10 <u>powerful</u> play goes on and you may contribute a verse.

Similarities



What Is Poetry?

There is more to poetry
Than rhythm and rhyme.
It's a window to our souls,
Undiminished by time.

It's where tears and joys
Are clearly expressed.
It's the thoughts that ordinarily
Might be repressed.

It can be set to music,
Increasing its worth,
Sending joy to the heavens
That encompass the Earth.

You can make almost anything
Become immortal
By poetic words
Sent over the portal.

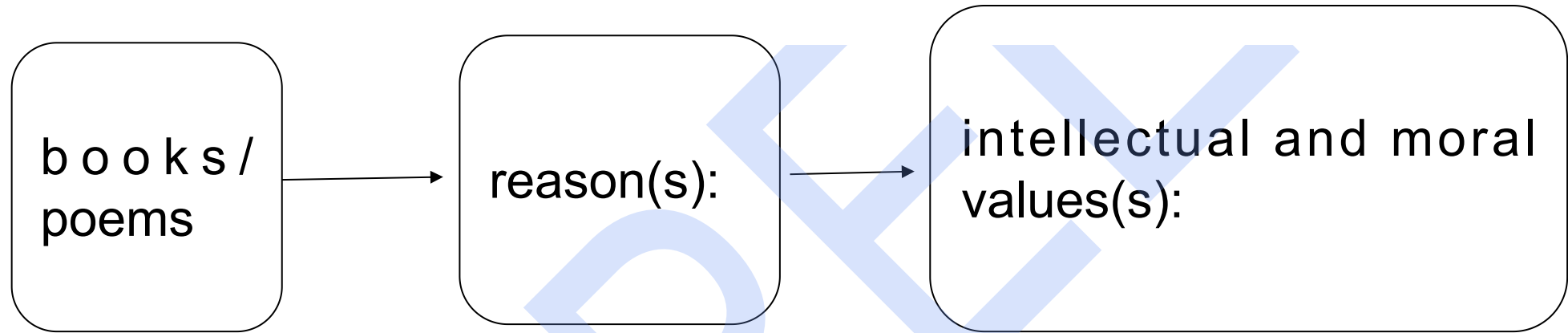
What Is Poetry?

So put down your thoughts
When you have inspiration.
You'll be adding your part
To the whole of creation.



Asking for & giving recommendations





Assignment:

- 1. Read the poem What is poetry three times with emotion and appreciation.**
- 2. Add details to your book/film recommendation;**
- 3. Preview “Reading B” by reading the poem aloud and look up new words in the dictionary.**

Thank you!