

高中英语 上外版 选择性必修一 第一单元 第5课时
学案（教师版）

Reading B: Excerpts from “*Encouraging Learning*” and Cultural Link: Ancient Greek Philosophers’ Views on Learning

课时学习目标:

1. 能明确论说文“论点—论据”的逻辑关系和结构;
2. 能分辨类比、排比等论证方式;
3. 能感知语篇中包含的文化元素和价值观。

Learning Activities

Activity 1: *Skim the text and find out which sentence in the text shows the main idea of “Encouraging Learning”.*

The main idea is stated in the first paragraph: Learning should never cease.

Activity 2: *Read paragraph 2 and find out what Xunzi compares the process of learning to.*

the process of obtaining blue dye from the plant

the process of freezing the water

the process of bending the wood

the process of sharpening the metal

Activity 3: *Read these sentences aloud and feel the power of analogy and parallelism.*

Blue comes from the indigo plant

but is bluer than the plant itself.

Ice is made of water

but is colder than water ever is.

If wood is pressed against a straightening board,

it can be made straight;

if metal is put to the grindstone,

it can be sharpened.

Activity 4: *Read paragraph 3 and find out what makes people see farther, see more clearly, hear more clearly, travel faster and get across rivers.*

see farther and more clearly

by climbing to a high place

hear more clearly

by shouting downwind

travel faster

by using carriages and horses

get across rivers

by using boats

Activity 5: Read paragraph 4 and think about these two questions:

•What's the main idea of this paragraph?

Achievement consists in never giving up.

•How does Xunzi illustrate the main idea?

Xunzi illustrates the main idea by using parallelism and analogy.

Activity 6: Find some specific sentences using parallelism and analogy:

Pile up earth to make a mountain;

Pile up water to make a deep pool.

Unless you pile up little steps, you can never journey a thousand li;

Unless you pile up tiny streams, you can never make a river or a sea.

Activity 7: Review the main idea of the whole article and each paragraph.

The main idea of the text is:

Learning should never cease.

Paragraph two tells us that

Learning is very important because we can improve ourselves through it.

From paragraph three, we know that

making use of things can make up for our lack of ability.

And Xunzi tells us in the last paragraph that

learning should be piled up step by step. Achievement consists in never giving up.

Assignments

1. Finish the Comprehension Plus II on P13 in the textbook.
2. Read Francis Bacon's article: *Of Study*.

Interactive activity

Read the "Culture Link" and exchange your understanding of the ancient Greek Philosopher's views on learning.