

Mandarin Chinese I Summer Assignments 09-10

Objective:

To get first idea about Chinese language and culture; to be able to understand Chinese characters and stroke order.

To learn how to spell out the sounds of Chinese words (Pinyin)

This is due on the first week of school.

Here are some helpful URLs

» http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/chinese/real_chinese

Real Chinese User Guide, Pronunciation, Language notes, etc.

» <http://www.askasia.org>

» <http://www.chinapage.org/callig1.html>

Calligraphy of the Masters.

» <http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/1108/p02s01-ussc.htm>

Paulson, Amanda. "Next Hot Language to Study: Chinese"

Research a Chinese name for yourself

Not all English names can be easily pronounced in China, so it is a good idea for you to have a Chinese name.

This website can give you a name.

<http://www.mandarintools.com/chinesename.html>

Research a city of China, like Beijing, Shanghai or Xian, or Tibet

Prepare a power point presentation (5-7 slides) to be presented orally in class;

- A. The city location (North, south, east or west of China)
- B. The city population
- C. The historic background
- D. The famous architectures
- E. People's life

Make Chinese easy for you to write and remember:

Write Chinese characters, like your name, numbers, seasons, and dates, etc.

Here is the Chinese character worksheet, you can download and print it out:

<http://www.drili.org>

Write an essay about "Why you chose Chinese as your foreign language in high school?" and "How to master this critical language, what you can do outside of class? "

(200words)