

Names: _____, _____, _____

Section: _____

EAP102 Midterm Project: *My Country and My People, 2019 Edition*

Topic Preference Form

*Work together with your groupmates to fill out this form. Each group should hand in **one form**.*

General Topic #1:

Three specific questions:

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Three objects, practices, or concepts

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General Topic #2:

Three specific questions:

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Three objects, practices, or concepts

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General Topic #3:

Three specific questions:

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Three objects, practices, or concepts

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How to fill out this form

Step 1: Choose the TOP THREE broad topic areas your group would most like to focus on for your contribution to *My Country and My People, 2019 Edition*.

When I say “broad topic area,” I mean a general category like “Home and Family,” “Communication Styles,” “Internet Culture,” “Education,” “Entertainment,” etc. You define the topic area however you want. For examples, you can consult the Tables of Contents from the various books about Chinese culture I’ve provided. But you’re not limited to them.

Write your topic areas *in order of preference*. That means #1 is the one you most want to do.

Step 2: For each topic area, write *three specific questions* you might be interested in trying to answer in your chapter. Here are some “templates” that I think might be helpful in coming up with meaningful questions.

- It's often said that _____ (something commonly said about this aspect of Chinese culture). Is this actually true? How true is it, really?
 - *Note: This could be something often said by Chinese, or by non-Chinese people, or by both!*
- Lin Yutang said that _____. How true is this in 2019 China?
- One thing a non-Chinese person might find confusing or difficult to understand about Chinese culture in 2019 is _____. How could this be explained in an accurate and meaningful way?
- One thing that's true about Chinese culture that few people realize is _____. Why is this true, and why is it important it be understood?
 - *Note: Here you could decide whether "few people" means few foreigners, or few Chinese, or both.*

Step 3: For each topic area, please also write down *three interesting objects, practices, or concepts* related to your topic area that you think might be interesting to write about.

By “object,” I mean any physical *thing*. It could be a small thing, like a cell phone, or a very large thing, like a 小区.

By “practice,” I mean any habit or custom—something people regularly do.

By “concept,” I mean an abstract idea.

You don’t have to do all objects, or all practices, or all concepts—any combination is fine. Your three things **don’t** have to be related to your three questions.