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LP2: Beijing Opera – Jing Ju 京剧

Objective:

Students will learn a valuable cultural component of China by studying the Beijing Opera. Students will be able to describe the Opera, what its essential parts are, what it sounds and looks like and the symbolism that takes place during a performance.

Level/Class:

This lesson is designed for middle school students taking introductory Chinese.

Time:

This lesson should take two entire 45-50 minute classes.

Materials Needed:

Projector & Projection Screen

Slideshow presentation and web access

Pencil & paper

Paper plates, string, scissors, markers

Procedure:

Day 1 – Class will begin with a short discussion of students’ preconceptions of Beijing Opera. Students will see a slide show presentation with explanation given by instructor. Class will finish with a short internet streamed audio showing examples of real Beijing Opera being sung.

Day 2 – Teacher will review colors and symbolism – a short clip will be played as a refresher for the students again. Teacher will provide a guided example of using materials to create a Beijing Opera mask which students will then begin and complete in class.

Assessment:

Students will be assessed on the accuracy with which they apply knowledge of Beijing Opera to their individual projects.

References:

<http://www.chinapage.com/beijing-opera.html>